



## Integration of Delairian concepts in the management of pathologic edentulism

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### Abstract :

When it comes to treating dentofacial dysmorphoses, the apparently complex "Delairean concepts" can be summarized simply. According to Jean Delaire, it is a question of "extracting oneself from the morpho-dysfunctional spiral" and "getting as close as possible to the cranio-facial architectural balance specific to each person"; neither of these two conditions can be conceived without the other. What is now obvious in the management of conventional dento-facial dysmorphoses of the dentate subject is equally relevant in the surgical management of pathological edentulousness with proven dysmorphism, whether syndromic or not. The objective of this communication is to explain why and how the use of Delairian concepts constitutes an irreplaceable assistance, based on a slowly acquired experience in the control of diagnosis, strategy and execution with the help of dedicated software, guides and custom-made plates. The integral guided surgical management of edentulous teeth with proven dysmorphism, multiple dental agenesis and ectodermal dysplasia for more than a decade constitutes the framework of this communication. Coincidence or not, and whatever the complexity of the cases encountered, it is at the moment when Jean Delaire left us that the objectivity of digitization demonstrates all the accuracy and power of his thought.