**Lab Work**

- MSE Position: Posterior Palatal Vault Between 1st and 2nd Molars In Order to Direct the Expansion Force Against the Buttress Bones
- MSE Should Be Positioned Slightly Anterior to the Soft Palate

**Bi-Cortical Engagement**

**How to Insert the Implants**

1. Insertion Procedure 1-2-3-4
2. Manual Insertion is Recommended for Close Assessment of Torque Level

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His interest in mid-facial expansion began in 2005 as micro-implant became available in USA, and he is responsible for developing Maxillary Skeletal Expander (MSE), a unique micro-implant assisted rapid palatal expander (MARE). He has been active in advocating non-surgical skeletal expansion in both children and adult patients, especially for those who may suffer from airway restrictions. His presentation in MSE has been widely accepted internationally, and numerous peer-reviewed publications are available.

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**Components**

- **MSE I**  
  - Body  
  - Instrument  
  - Implants Diameter 1.8mm x 11mm  
  - Implants Diameter 1.8mm x 13mm

- **MSE II**  
  - Body  
  - Instrument  
  - Implants Diameter 1.8mm x 11mm  
  - Implants Diameter 1.8mm x 13mm

**Failed case**

- When the implants are not engaged bi-cortically, they may tip laterally during the expansion, causing unwanted tissue impingements and implant failure

**Success case**

- Young Adult Case  
- Child Case  
- Senior Case  
- Adult Case
**Activation**

**MSE I - Pin Type**
- 4 turns = 0.8mm
- Expansion size 8mm: 40 turns

**MSE II - Spanner Type**
- 6 turns = 0.8mm
- Expansion size 12mm: 90 turns

**MSE Activation Protocol**
*Patient's Biotype Must Be Considered*

**MSE I**
- Early teens: 3x / week (0.8mm/wk)
- Late teens: 1x / day (0.2mm / day)
- Early to Mid-20's: 2-3x / day (0.40mm ~ 0.60mm / day)
- Older: Min. 2-3x / day, assistance PRN
- After Diastema: 1x / day (0.20mm / day)

**MSE II**
- Early teens: 6x / week (0.8mm/wk)
- Late teens: 2x / day (0.27mm / day)
- Early to Mid-20's: 4-6x / day (0.53mm ~ 0.80mm / day)
- Older: Minimum 4-6x / day
- After Diastema: 2x / day (0.27mm / day)

**Benefits**
- **Vertical Control in High Angle Cases**
- **Significant Increase in Upper Airway Volume:** Nasal Obstruction, Sleep Apnea
- **Mostly Skeletal Expansion:** Less Bone Bending and Dental Tippling Compared to RPE and SARPE
- **Less Invasive than SARPE and Orthognathic Surgery**
- **FM and MSE for Class III Correction**
- **MSE Causes Expansion of the Surrounding Structures**
- **MSE Can Be Used for Mature Patients**

**Critical Points**
- **Proper Implant Insertion and Precise Lab works**
- **Vertical Insertion / Bi-Cortical Engagement**
- **MSE Position:** Posterior Palatal Vault Between 1st and 2nd Molars

**MSE Related Articles**

**Precaution for MSE II Activation**
- Place the spanner over the hexagon in the center of the jack screw
- A part of MSE can be dislodged by incorrect use of the spanner

**Contraindications:**
1. Extremely narrow palatal vault
2. Patients with previous mid-facial trauma
3. Extremely thick/dense palatal bone and/or dense buttress bone
4. Extremely thin palate with low bone density

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