

EVALUATION, COMPARISON AND VOLUMETRIC ANALYSIS OROPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY IN SKELETAL CLASS I AND II INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT VERTICAL GROWTH PATTERNS: A MRI STUDY

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ABSTRACT

A patent airway is one of the important factors for the normal growth of the cranio facial structures. Nasorespiratory function and its relation to cranio facial growth is of great interest, not only for the ortho dentist but for paediatricians, otorhinolaryngologists, speech pathologists and other members of healthcare community. The normal growth of the skull is closely associated with the growth and function of the nasal cavities, the nasopharynx and the oropharynx.

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