

TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT (TMJ) DYSFUNCTION

TREATMENT:

MEDICATIONS:

1. Take Ibuprofen 800 mg <u>OR</u> Advil 800 mg 3 times/day with food (If no medical contraindications).

THERAPIES:

- 1. Purchase a night guard. You can either buy a sports mouth guard or have one professionally fitted by your dentist.
- 2. Alternate between hot and cold compresses to the area, for 20 minutes.
- 3. Massage the area by hand.
- 4. Eat a soft foods diet. Avoid hard, chewy tough foods during flare up. Avoid chewing gum.

If still no relief of symptoms, proceed with MRI and schedule an appointment with a TMJ specialist. Physical therapy, acupuncture and a variety of relaxation techniques could also be used to treat your symptoms and the specialists below can better manage your care. Below is a list of recommended providers.

(Please be sure to check with your insurance company, that the facility you choose to go to is in-network, before being seen.)

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