

“Orofacial Pain (OFP) is the specialty of dentistry that encompasses the diagnosis, management and treatment of pain disorders of the jaw, mouth, face and associated regions.

The specialty of OFP is dedicated to the evidenced-based understanding of the underlying pathophysiology, etiology, prevention, and treatment of these disorders and improving access to interdisciplinary patient care.

These disorders as they relate to orofacial pain include but are not limited to:

**temporomandibular muscle and joint (TMJ) disorders,
jaw movement disorders,
neuropathic and neurovascular pain disorders,
headache, and
sleep disorders.” (AAOP.ORG)**

“Orofacial Pain is recognized as the 12th American Dental Association (ADA) dental specialty.” (AAOP.ORG)

Currently, there are 329 active orofacial pain board certified members in the whole world, 232 of them are in the United States (ABOP.NET).

Dr. Khalifeh is not only an active diplomate American Board of Orofacial Pain but also runs the Orofacial Pain Board preparation course at the USC Orofacial Pain specialty program. He helped more than 20 specialist dentists to earn their diplomate status in Orofacial Pain.

Dr. Khalifeh is involved in several research projects on the subject of Orofacial Pain. He is an expert on using Botox for managing musculoskeletal pain in the head and neck region. In 1996, he published a systematic review and meta analysis on the subject of Botox for management of myofascial pain in the head, neck and shoulder regions, the first and largest study on this subject.

**If you or anyone you know is suffering from pain of dysfunction in the orofacial region, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Khalifeh at:
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