

OVENTUS AIRWAY TECHNOLOGY

USES AND BENEFITS

Oventus Airway Technology is designed to treat sufferers of snoring and mild to moderate Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), including those unable to tolerate existing Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) therapy options.

The Oventus treatment solution has created a paradigm shift in the treatment of OSA, using the airway technology either as an oral appliance or as a low pressure pathway used in conjunction with CPAP.

Oventus O₂Vent™ devices address multiple levels of obstruction that can contribute to OSA.

Similar to other Mandibular Advancement Devices (MADs), the O₂Vent™ advances the lower jaw forward to prevent tongue obstruction and stabilize the mandible.

What makes O₂Vent™ devices different is they feature a **unique separate airway** that allows air to continue to flow unobstructed in the presence of nasal restriction, obstruction and/or soft palate collapse while simultaneously preventing tongue collapse and maintaining an oral seal.



O₂VENT™ DEVICES FEATURE A UNIQUE SEPARATE AIRWAY

HOW NASAL RESISTANCE AND MOUTH BREATHING CONTRIBUTE TO OSA

- Nasal resistance and obstruction is associated with OSA¹
- There is a high prevalence of nasal resistance and obstruction in the general population as well as in OSA sufferers²
- Nasal resistance increases during the night and in the supine position³

Increased nasal resistance can contribute to:

- Increased negative pressure swings in the oropharynx⁴
- Collapse at the **soft palate, lateral wall, tongue base** and **epiglottis**⁵
- An arousal as a result of reduced airflow, an increase in negative pressure swings or airway collapse⁶
- A switch to mouth breathing leading to multiple events⁷

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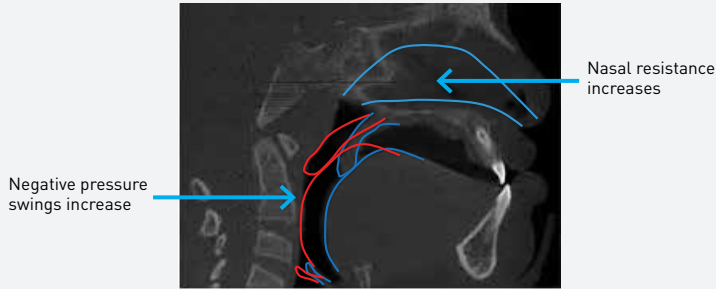
A clinical study that looked at the different sites of obstructions showed that the tongue base was involved in 40% of obstructions and was the primary site of collapse in only 20% of subjects.⁹

In patients with increased nasal resistance, soft palate or tongue based collapse, **Oventus Airway Technology** allows air to continue to flow through the low resistance airway to the back of the throat.

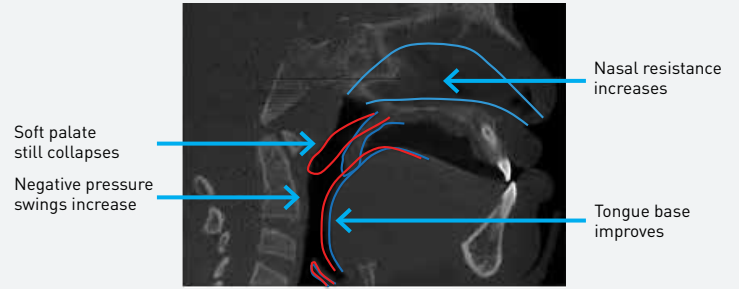
This essentially by-passes nasal resistance and soft palate collapse, reducing the negative pressure swings that cause lateral wall collapse and stabilizes the tongue base.

CLINICAL EVIDENCE

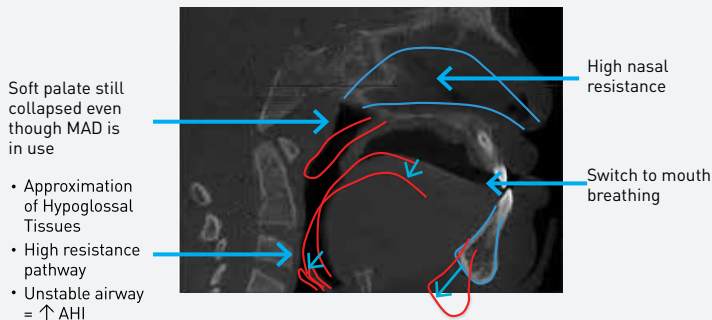
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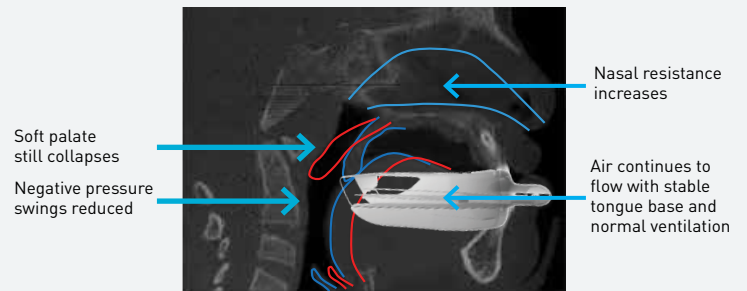
2. Site of Obstruction with Advancement



3. Site of Obstruction with Advancement



4. Site of Obstruction with O₂Vent™ in place



OVENTUS AIRWAY TECHNOLOGY – EFFICACY

In clinical studies, the **Oventus Airway Technology** has shown excellent outcomes in effectiveness and compliance:

Effect on airway collapse:

- Reduced negative oropharyngeal pressure swings and airway collapsibility⁴
- Reduces the CPAP pressure requirements necessary to achieve stable breathing by 66%⁵

Effect on AHI:

- 62.5% - 78% reduction in AHI¹⁰

- 76% success rate irrespective of OSA severity or presence of nasal congestion (≥50% decrease in AHI)¹⁰

Effect on symptoms:

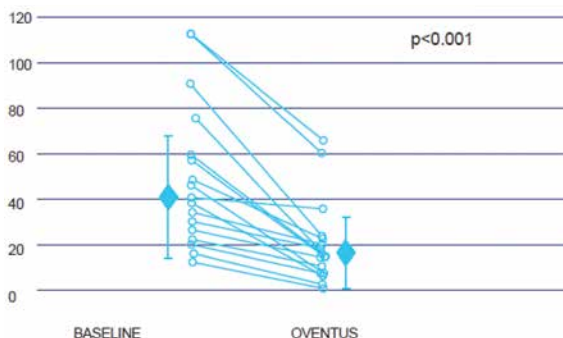
- 82% stopped snoring completely¹⁰
- Remaining 18% reported reduction in snoring¹⁰

Effect on compliance:

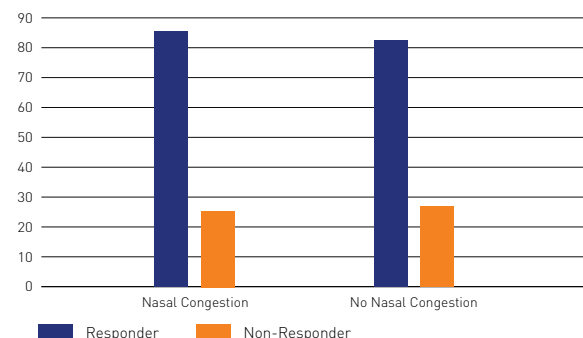
- 82% compliance to treatment¹⁰
- 6 nights averaged per week, with 7 hours average per night it was used¹⁰

CLINICAL TRIAL – O₂VENT™ MONO

AHI at baseline and with Oventus treatment

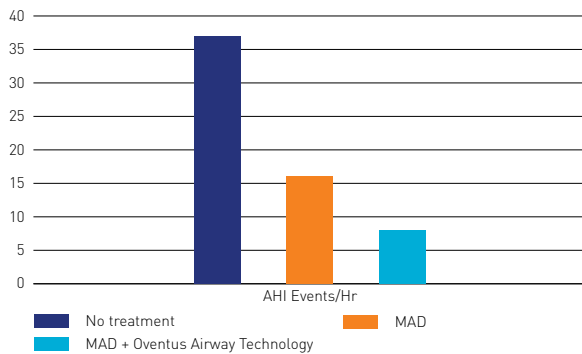


Response Rate by Nasal Congestion (%)

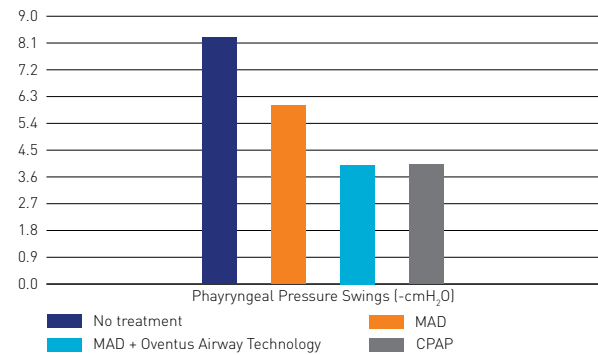


PILOT STUDY O₂VENT™ T

Oventus Airway Technology – O₂Vent™ T reduces AHI by 78%



Oventus Airway Technology Reduces Pharyngeal Collapsibility to the same Level as Optimized CPAP



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INDICATIONS FOR OVENTUS AIRWAY TECHNOLOGY WHEN TO USE

Oventus Airway Technology may be beneficial when there is:

- Nasal obstruction or increased nasal resistance
- Poor oropharyngeal anatomy
- Long soft palate
- Mouth breathing during sleep
- Heavy bruxing/clenching

If you see patients with multiple levels of resistance and/or parafunction, it is important to prescribe a device that addresses these issues.

WHAT CAN I LOOK FOR IN PATIENTS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR OVENTUS AIRWAY TECHNOLOGY?

1. Look for signs of nasal congestion

- Ask if they suffer from nasal congestion and/or sleep with their mouth open
- Use visual analogue scale to rate congestion from 0-10
- If available use rhinometry to assess nasal resistance

2. Look for signs of a long soft palate

- Does it fall behind the tongue?
- Swollen or inflamed soft palate?
- Swollen or inflamed uvula?

3. Look for signs of poor oropharyngeal anatomy using their facial profile

- High Mallampati
- High pharyngeal grade
- Narrow arches
- Deviated septum
- Underdeveloped middle facial third

4. Look for signs of mouth breathing

- Dry mucosa
- Relative paucity of calculus
- Erythematous mucosa and gums
- High vaulted palate

5. Look for signs of heavy bruxing or clenching

- Dental attrition
- Masticatory muscle hypertrophy

6. Additional imaging options may help decision making in choosing the appropriate device by analyzing such things as condylar guidance angle, cephalometry, soft palate length, nasal cross-sectional, possible sites of collapse as an indicator of airway improvement or advancement.

7. Recommended imaging may include:

- CBCT
- Lateral CEPH
- OPG

MATERIALS USED - WHY TITANIUM?



Titanium is incredibly strong in thin sections. Oventus uses titanium to enable the maximum cross-sectional airway with the minimum of bulk. It is biocompatible, inert, strong and able to be 3D printed into complex hollow three-dimensional structures such as an Oventus airway. This provides an airway that will be strong enough to withstand the bite forces in very thin sections (0.3mm). By using such a thin cross-section, Oventus can create an airway the same size as a healthy human nose within five millimetres of opening.



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A UNIQUE TREATMENT ALTERNATIVE FOR PATIENTS WITH UNMET NEEDS

Oventus clinical specialists are ready to support the introduction of the Oventus devices into your practice. Online training modules along with in-clinic training can be arranged to equip you and your team with the knowledge you need to introduce your patients to the Oventus Treatment Platform.

