Yogi Berra said “When you come to a fork in the road – take it!” This fork is part of the problem of “The TMJ Dilemma.”

The TMJ Family just entering TMJ World. Which way to go?

The TMJ Family has a better chance to be whole again.

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The “TMJ” Patients

MEDICAL PROFESSION: Charge: Whole Body and Mind

ENT Otolaryngologists
Neurologists
Orthopedists
Rheumatologists
Intensists
Psychologists
Radiologists
Primary Care MDs
Emergency Physicians

Dentistry as an arm of medicine for those dentists who do not subscribe to “TMD.”

ALTERNATIVE COMPLEMENTARY, AND AUXILIARY MEDICINE

PTs
Acupuncturists
Massage Therapists
Chiropractors
Sports Medicine

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NIAMS, NIH, CDC, Office of Women’s Health

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES PREVENTION – AWARENESS

OVERLAPPING DISORDERS

DYSFUNCTIONAL SPECTRUM SYNDROME [DSS]

“The TMJ” is the historical term used by most and is most needed. This “TMJ” Road is now least traveled by the Medical Communities, but are urgently needed to step up to the plate and work in tandem with the Dental Communities to help resolve “The TMJ Dilemma.”

The “TMD” Patients

DENTAL PROFESSION: Charge: Oral Health

General Dentists
Orthodontists
Otolaryngologists
Periodontists
Prosthodontists

Dental/Mental Psychological Stress and Chronic Pain Model

Pain Specialists
Psychologists
TMD Specialists
NIDCR
ADA

There are those within the Dental Profession who do not subscribe to this current touted dominant theory.

This “TMD” Road was created by the ADA in 1982 and became this detour they now travel. The result is it obfuscates, manipulates, and subordinates the TMJoints. However well-intentioned, it stalls the opportunity for all those on the other road who should help resolve the “TMJ Dilemma” and to help current and future TMJ patients.

“TMJ” Road – ADA created this detour in 1982. The road most travelled now.

It’s time to get everyone back on the same road.

A single road to resolution of the “TMJ Dilemma.”

THE Jaw joints are in play for every motor and sensory activity 24 hours a day – awake or asleep. They are the pathway from the brain to the central nervous system. JJAMD believes with appropriate awareness, education, research, and diagnosis, TMJ is largely preventable.

Work together to bring appropriate awareness and a basic science to help TMJ patients, prevent others from needlessly falling victim, and lower health care costs.

Acronyms – TMD, TMJD, TMD, CMD, MPD, and others. Other Names Used For TMJ Disorder – Temporomandibular Arthritis, Myofacial Pain, Dystonia, Masseteric Headache, Myogenous Pain, Myofacial Pain Dysfunction and others.

Another Road – AEA created this detour in 1982. The road most travelled now.