



## Dr. Clayton Chan Or The Dental Investigator

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What makes the great figures of this world special? What drives them? We went on a journey to discover the path taken by Dr. Chan, a prominent figure in the industry, whose contribution has changed the face of dentistry.

What differentiates Dr. Chan from other dentists is his way of practicing dentistry. For starters, he only sees one patient a day. We know! We were as blown away as you must be at this very moment. How can he manage to keep his practice rolling with only one patient a day when most dentists need to fill their calendar? Dr. Chan spotted a gap in the industry and created an opportunity for himself.

When he started practicing dentistry as a fresh graduate, Dr. Chan couldn't understand the reason some of his patients kept coming back with the

same occlusion issues. What was he missing?

***"As I was moving on in my career, I couldn't understand why I was not able to resolve 15% to 20% of my top difficult occlusion cases effectively. That led me to start questioning what we were taught in dental school".***

Through his hard work and determination, Dr. Chan developed and pioneered a concept that finally resolved the equation: GNM Dentistry. Gneuromuscular Dentistry (GNM) focuses on body alignment, optimal mandibular function (quality) and accurate occlusion that results in optimal function and form. In reality, GNM is the missing key to Neuromuscular Dentistry (NMD) and traditional teachings taught in dental schools. With this discovery, Dr. Chan decided to focus his practice on GNM Dentistry, which made his savoir-faire unique from other dentists.

***"I mainly deal with difficult cases, cases that couldn't be resolved by other dentists. That is why I usually see one patient a day. I want to focus all my time on one case at a time because most patients who come to me, have tried everything and I am their last resort. They deserve my full attention and commitment."***

We see Dr. Chan like a private dental investigator as he tries to understand a difficult problem and implement the solution effectively. Before he starts the procedure, he meticulously gathers all the records, looks at all the information, carefully listens to his patients and uses new technologies as part of his evaluation.

With this discovery, have dental schools approached him to teach this important concept?

***"Trying to convey the concept of GNM (Gneuromuscular Dentistry) is extremely complicated. Because of the politics involved, and all previous teaching, it creates a fog of knowledge. I think we must train our doctors to understand what they were missing. The biggest challenge is to make people understand that GNM (Gneuromuscular Dentistry) and NMD (Neuromuscular Dentistry) are different. How to best convey those principles in the world of dentistry is not easy."***

Dr. Chan refused to play by the traditional rules, he decided to go beyond

the preconceived ideas of dentistry. With that said, we hope that he gets the credit that he deserves, and shares what he knows with the world.

If you want to learn more about GNM, visit Dr. Chan's website [here](#).

## Dr. Clayton Chan

Founder/Director of Occlusion  
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Clayton A. Chan, D.D.S. is a general dentist, clinician, teacher, educator and leader. He is considered by many to be an authority on Occlusion and its application to Clinical Dentistry. His training and experience as a dental laboratory technician along with training in the areas of gnathologics, TMD, orthodontics and neuromuscular occlusion has helped him convey a unique three fold clinical message to thousands of dentists, specialists, technicians and dental leaders nationally and internationally.

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