

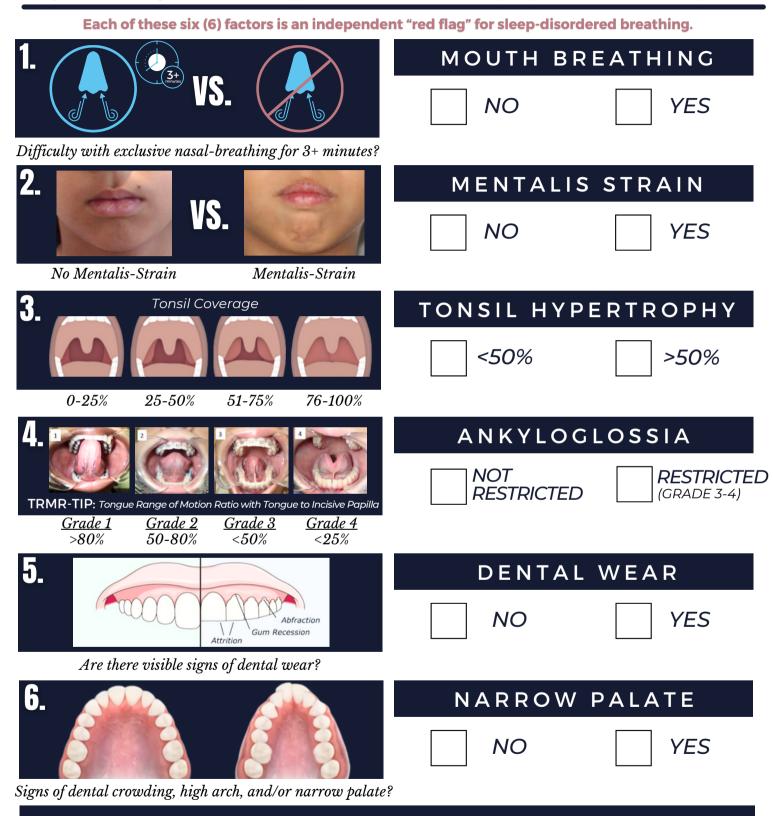
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## Six Red Flags for: Pediatric Sleep Disordered Breathing (SDB)

Reference: Determinants of Sleep-Disordered Breathing During the Mixed Dentition: Development of a Functional Airway Evaluation Screening Tool (FAirEST 6)

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## GRADING SCALE

The score on the FAIREST-6 is equal to the sum of the number of exam findings present. Scores may range from 0 (none of the items are present) to 6 (all six of the concerning exam findings are present). A score of two corresponds to mildly increased risk of sleep-disturbance; four indicates moderately increased risk; six indicates severely increased risk.

	Scoring Table for FAirEST 6						
Number of							
Red Flags	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Risk of	Normal	•	Mild	•	Mode	ate	Severe
Sleep-							
Disturbance							



NORMAL MILD





NORMAL





**SEVERE** 

MODERATESwallow, then stick out your tongue without pain or discomfort.



Assess for tongue space limitations: Look for tongue overflow while the tongue is held in Lingual palatal suction (LPS).

**NORMAL** 

MILD **MODERATE**  **SEVERE** 

FTP 1 FTP 2 FTP 3 FTP 4 FRIEDMAN TONGUE POSITION

PALATAL FLUTTER

TONGUE SCALLOPING

**TONGUE OVERFLOW** 

MILD

FTP 1

FTP 2

FTP 3

FTP 4

Snore sound with Low Tongue Position?



**RESULTS** 1ZZ Snore sound in Lingual Palatal Suction?

+ POSITIVE (NO SNORE SOUND)

- NEGATIVE (SNORE SOUND IS AUDIBLE)

Have the patient attempt to make a snoring sound with their mouth open, then have them perform suction (LPS), and attempt to make the snoring sound again with their tongue held against the palate.

Supplementary Guides, Classifications, and References



MEASURING MAXILLARY INTERMOLAR DISTANCE

**Adult Measurements** 

< 32 mm

Above Average

**Pediatric Measurements** 

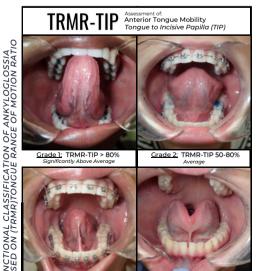
Age + 24 mm

RESOURCES Lectures and Downloadable Resources



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Grade 4: TRMR-TIP < 25%



**ADULT AIRWAY** SCREENER