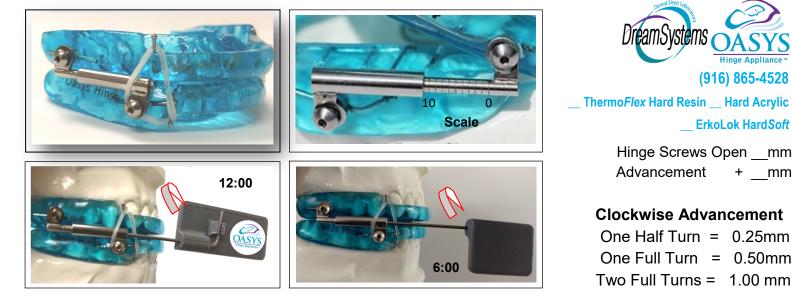
## **OASYS Herbst Hinge Appliance Doctor Guide**

FDA 510K & Medicare E0486 Compliant



Note: The Elastics on the New Appliance may appear to advance the hinges to uneven scale lines, but they are open only 1-2 mm for insertion.

The OASYS Herbst Hinge Appliance is FDA and E0486 Medicare Compliant for Sleep Apnea. The side hinges are set to hold the lower jaw forward during sleep, but allows the patient to open and close his/her mouth and have some side to side movement This will help to open the airway in back of the throat, while pulling the tongue forward.

## **Titrating the OASYS Hinge Appliance**

The Hinges are set to your protrusive bite. The internal hinge screws are set open 1-2mm to allow for Retraction—If Hinges are open 1mm, Advancement + 9mm, Retraction -1mm; If Hinges are open 2mm, Advancement is +8mm, Retraction is -2mm). The hinges have anterior advancement holes in the barrel of the hinges and the Tool Tab is used to advance in 1/2 turns clockwise...2 Full Turns = 1mm). Insert the OASYS Hinge Tool Tab in the barrel of the hinge. (Like a Clock,12:00 = Tool Position) For 1/4 mm advancement, Turn Clockwise until the Gray Tab does not show the Oasys Hinge Logo and is at 6:00. For 1/2mm Advancement, Turn the Tool Tab Clockwise so "OASYS Logo" goes around one full turn and is at 12:00 again. For 1mm advancement, Turn the OASYS Tab Clockwise 2 Full Turns until "the Tool Tab with the OASYS Hinge Logo" is a 12:00. Turning the screw counterclockwise will decrease the extension of the lower jaw. 5/16"-elastics are included to limit the jaw movement and minimize dislodgement of the splints. The patient can change the elastics as needed, or choose not to wear them. The Tool Tab can also be used for periodic tightening of the Screws on each end of the T-10 Hinges.

**Common Side Effects** of initial wear are clenching, sore teeth, TMJ sensitivity and increased salivation, but usually resolve in ten days. If more severe pain occurs, the patient should contact you immediately. After wearing the appliance all night, the patient's lower jaw may be in a more forward position and his/her teeth may come together differently in the morning when it is removed and make take 15-60 minutes to return to a normal position. Massaging the jaws, opening and closing the mouth, doing other exercises, chewing gum or an AM Aligner can help return the patient's bite jaw to a normal position.

To Clean the Device, Brush it carefully with a soft toothbrush and anti-bacterial soap. Let the device dry during the day with the lid of the container left open, to minimize odor. An effervescent denture cleaner can be used for 15 minutes. Do not soak in water, bleach, ammonia or peroxide and keep out of reach of dogs! A non-alcoholic mouthwash can be also used for 15 minutes for a fresh taste.

Follow-Up Sleep Study—if the patient has Moderate to Severe Sleep Apnea, he/she will need to schedule a follow-up sleep study when you feel that the patient is are subjectively feeling and sleeping better with the device. This will verify the effectiveness of the Oral Appliance Therapy and identify if further adjustments, modifications or combination treatment may be needed.