The Effect of Dentures on Some Acoustic Features of Coronal Fricatives

Changes in the speech during dental treatment of patients have not been investigated so far. It is generally acknowledged that failure to control and coordinate articulators (lips, tongue body, velum) will lead to distortion or inappropriate execution of speech sounds. For example, the lips open (close) or protrude (retract) relative to the jaw and maxilla. The protrusion and elevation of the upper lip relative to the upper incisors are assumed to be equal to those of the lower lip relative to the lower incisors. (Cf. http://www.explanationium.edu).