

## 31. Gagging and prosthodontics

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The gag reflex is a complex phenomenon that can be either of a physiological or of a psychological nature. This reflex is said to be a protective or of a defense mechanism, which protects the pharynx and throat from foreign objects. It can be an unpleasant experience for the patient and the clinician and also compromising the further treatment. Since the identification of this particular problem in the dental fraternity, many management methods have been described till date, for its control, but the key to its management lies in the proper identification of the cause and not merely the symptoms involved, along with the choice of material being used and the skill of the operator, which also plays a crucial role. Thus, it is important that every dental clinician must have a thorough knowledge about gagging, for its skillful management and for better execution of the procedures, to attain positive and gag free results.

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