

Facial Trauma

Facial injuries, also referred to as maxillofacial trauma involves injuries to the mouth, face, and jaws. Injuries to the face are common injuries and can range from minor injuries that can be repaired through simple procedures to very complex injuries that require extensive surgical procedures. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are experts in treating injuries to the mouth and facial structures and are generally called upon to treat these injuries. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons undergo an extensive four year surgical residency with significant emphasis in the treatment of maxillofacial trauma. Due to their dental training and knowledge of occlusion (the way the teeth come together) they can provide the surgical repairs that are needed to not only repair the soft tissue and bone injuries, but also recreate the pre-existing occlusion to restore esthetics and function. For more information see http://aaoms.org/facial_injury.php