

MID STATE

Oral Surgery & Implant Center

ORTHOGNATHIC (CORRECTIVE JAW) SURGERY CONSULTATION

Initial Consultation

Your first visit with us (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) involves a discussion regarding your current facial appearance and jaw position. During this visit, we will review the benefits and risks of orthognathic surgery. We will also obtain radiographs (if not provided by your orthodontist) and photographs.

Insurance Authorization

We will write a letter to obtain insurance authorization for your proposed surgery from your medical insurance. This process can take up to two months to obtain. Once a decision has been made by your insurance, we will inform you, and your orthodontist, of the insurance status.

Pre-Surgery Orthodontics

These procedures are done in conjunction with your orthodontist. Your orthodontist will treat you with braces to prepare you for surgery; this process can take 6-18 months. Once your orthodontist feels you are ready to proceed with surgery, they will refer you back to our office for a pre-surgical visit.

Wisdom Teeth

Our general recommendation is that you have your wisdom teeth extracted 6-9 months before your jaw surgery. This can be performed by us under IV sedation in the office.

Pre-Surgery Visit

Updated radiographs, pictures, and impressions will be taken during this visit. Your surgery will be planned virtually using these records to ensure the most ideal results. A detailed explanation will be given of your planned surgery, along with discussion of risks and complications.

Surgery

The hospital will contact you with instructions on when and where to arrive on your surgery day. Generally, you will be admitted to the hospital for at least one night after surgery.

Post-Surgery Orthodontics

2-4 weeks following surgery, you will be referred back to your orthodontist. The orthodontist will then work to finalize your dental occlusion with braces. This process can take anywhere from 6-18 months.