



DENVER HEALTH ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Oral Surgery | Patient Information

Welcome to Denver Health's Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Department. Maxillofacial surgery can address a wide variety of dental problems and conditions, treat diseases, fix injuries, or correct defects in your face, jaw, or mouth. As with any operation, maxillofacial surgery has certain risks.

Surgical Risks: pain, infection, bleeding, nerve injury resulting in *numbness* of your chin, lip and/or tongue (paresthesia, anesthesia, dysesthesia), damage to adjacent teeth or bone, dry socket, sharp bone spicule, retained piece of tooth, or the need for another surgery.

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons can provide patients with office-based sedation during surgery. Sedation helps to reduce discomfort and relaxes the patient for the procedure.

Sedations Risks: nausea/vomiting, awareness during the procedure, allergic reactions, injury to blood vessels at the intravenous (IV) site, slowed breathing, and heart problems that could be serious and life threatening. Marijuana interacts with the sedation medications and should be avoided for 72 hours prior to the procedure.