

Board certification means Dr. Bohannon has gone through extensive testing and review to ensure the he has met extremely rigid criteria with respect to the knowledge he has and techniques he provides.

Through continuing education, Dr. Bohannon continues to learn more about the services he provides and adds emerging cutting-edge procedures to his surgical skills.

He must stay up to date in order to keep his certification as he must go through recertification to keep his board certified status.

He does this to provide the best possible care for his patients.



DIRECTIONS

From Highway 880:

- Exit South Bascom Ave.
- Go South on Bascom Ave.
- Turn right onto Naglee
- We are 1/2 a block down on the right by the 2025 sign post

From Highway 280:

- Exit 880 North (toward Oakland)



YOUR ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON IS BOARD CERTIFIED



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Frequently asked questions

What is Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ?

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the specialty of dentistry that includes the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region. The term “maxillofacial” refers to the anatomic area of the jaws and face.

An oral and maxillofacial residency provides extensive training in related medical and surgical disciplines such as general surgery, plastic surgery, internal medicine, critical care medicine, neurosurgery, anesthesia, otorhinolaryngology, and pathology. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are trained to treat patients in hospital settings, outpatient surgery centers, ambulatory surgery facilities, and private offices.



What does it mean to be Board Certified in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) is the certifying board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States. It is recognized and approved by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association. The objectives of the ABOMS are to elevate the standards of the specialty and to aid oral and maxillofacial surgeons in their efforts to provide optimum health care to their patients. To this end, the ABOMS established criteria for competence and knowledge that determine a sufficient and acceptable ability to safely practice the specialty.

Those individuals who demonstrate achievement of the requisite training, experience and knowledge are granted board certification, indicated the title *Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*.

In order to become Board Certified, an individual must complete intensive application and examination processes. Applicants must provide verifiable evidence of their educational and training qualifications. Each application for board certification is reviewed by the ABOMS' Credentials Committee. The process of board certification requires the candidate to pass both a thorough qualifying examination and a rigorous oral certifying examination.

What Services do Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Provide ?

REMOVAL OF DISEASED AND IMPACTED TEETH

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons removed impacted, decayed and non-restorable teeth. Sometimes these teeth are removed to prevent future problems such as infection or damage to other teeth. Many times these teeth are removed due to active infection or the presence of associated gum disease or bone loss.

ANESTHESIA

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons have extensive training in the latest anesthetic techniques, including intravenous sedation and general anesthesia. The doctor will determine if the anesthesia is best delivered in the office or hospital setting.

DENTAL IMPLANTS

In close collaboration with a restorative dentist, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon places dental implant in the jaw to replace missing teeth. Their skills also include the reconstruction of missing bone through bone grafting and replacement of soft tissue through gum grafting in order to make implants a viable treatment option. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are highly trained in the procedures needed to deliver the best possible esthetic and functional result with dental implants.

FACIAL TRAUMA SURGERY

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons respond to emergency hospital calls for patients who sustain major trauma to the jaws and face. Their services include the repair of complex facial skin lacerations, fractured jaws and facial bones, severed nerves, and the treatment of other traumatic injuries. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons also treat dental injuries, such as loosened or lost teeth, on an emergency basis.

ORAL PATHOLOGY

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons diagnose and manage patients with benign or malignant cysts and tumors of the oral and facial region. Severe infections of the mouth, jaws, and neck due to decayed or impacted teeth or other causes are treated by oral and maxillofacial surgeons either in the office or hospital setting.

FACIAL PAIN / TMJ DISORDERS

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons possess skills in the diagnosis and treatment of facial pain disorders, including those due to temporomandibular joint (TMJ) problems.

CORRECTIVE JAW SURGERY

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons have extensive training in the surgical correction of congenital jaw deformities, including cleft lip and palate. In conjunction with an orthodontist, they manage growth discrepancies between the upper and lower jaws by re-aligning the jaws into a better relationship. This allows the teeth to come together to provide better and more efficient chewing. This jaw surgery, called “orthognathic surgery”, can also dramatically improve facial appearance.

RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

When patients have hard and soft tissue defects in the oral and facial regions due to cancer surgery, trauma, or birth defects, oral and maxillofacial perform surgery to restore form and function. These procedures can include bone grafting, skin grafting, and nerve grafting to reconstruct the jaws and other structures. Placement of dental implants plays an important role in the oral rehabilitation of many of these patients

COSMETIC SURGERY

Many oral and maxillofacial surgeons have expertise in the field of cosmetic surgery, using the same skills employed in facial trauma and reconstructive surgery. This training provides for the enhancement of facial features as well as treatment for changes associated with aging.