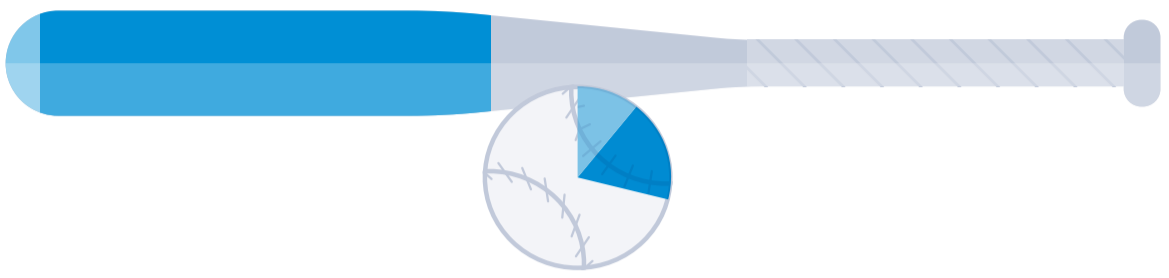


Treatment of Facial Injury/ Trauma Surgery

Don't let a "hidden" injury go unnoticed.

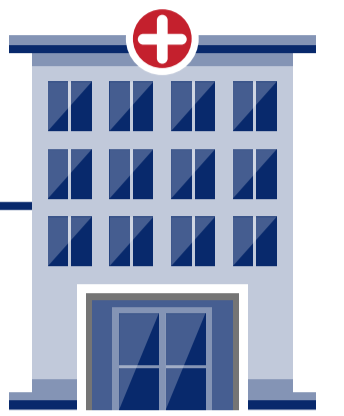
3%–39% of all dental injuries are sports-related.



11%–18% of sports injuries are related to the face.

Know what to do when an accident happens

Always ask for an OMS consultation for facial or mouth injuries requiring an ER visit.



One of the **most common** types of serious injury to the face occurs when **bones are broken**.

Fractures can involve:

These injuries can affect the ability to:

Labels for skull fractures:

- Frontal sinus
- Eye sockets
- Nose
- Cheekbones
- Upper jaw
- Lower jaw

Effects of facial injuries:

- Breathe (lungs icon)
- Speak (mouth and speech bubbles icon)
- Swallow (throat and head profile icon)



How can an OMS help?

With their background and training, OMSs are the specialists **most qualified** to deal with these types of injuries.

Team approach

The American College of Surgeons states that a multi-disciplinary approach – in which the surgical team is composed of **specialists in oral and maxillofacial surgery, otorhinolaryngology, plastic surgery and ophthalmology** – is beneficial for the treatment of complex craniofacial injuries.



Prevention is the best policy

OMSs advocate for the use of:

- Seat belts (with seat belt icon)
- Protective mouth guards (with mouth guard icon)
- Appropriate masks and helmets during sports (with football helmet icon)



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