

## **ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

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As regards to residents in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, there are some procedures or responsibilities which do vary according to the resident experiences or year of training. However, in our small department, it is worth noting that hospital procedures and operations are performed under the direct supervision of attendings and procedures are never accomplished without consultation and either direct or indirect supervision by an attending staff.

- Patients are not admitted to our service unless an attending is notified and is in agreement.
- Surgical procedures are never performed in the operating room without direct supervision by an attending.
- First or second year residents are on call to the Emergency Room for the evaluation and management of acute oral and maxillofacial injuries. These residents, however, are expected and required to be in direct communication with the senior resident (either a third year resident or fourth year resident) or chief resident in regarding the nature of the patient's injury. Chief residents make a decision regarding the nature of treatment of a particular injury that may require laceration repair and/or admission to the hospital. The chief resident directly communicates to attendings who may choose to directly supervise the procedure or indirectly supervise the procedure, depending upon the complexity and the nature of the injuries. If a decision is made to dismiss a patient with a maxillofacial injury from the Emergency Room, this decision is made by a chief resident and the patient is always given a follow-up appointment in the out-patient clinic to be seen within 72 hours at which time the on-call attending has the opportunity to re-evaluate the patient's injuries.
- For oral and maxillofacial surgery residents who are rotating with other services as part of their residency training experience, these residents are under the direct supervision of the particular departments' chief residents and attending. Their procedures are never done without supervision as deemed appropriate by staff.

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- When patients are taken to the operating room as a result of acute trauma, attendings in the department are notified and an attending directly supervises the activities in the operating room performed by the oral and maxillofacial residents.

This a standing departmental SOP.