

Reconstructive Surgery Facial Fractures, Injuries and Lacerations

Blunt or penetrating trauma can cause injury to the area of the face that includes the upper jaw (maxilla). Causes of injury to the face can include:

- Motor vehicle crashes
- Sports injuries
- Falls
- Assault (confrontations)

Symptoms are usually very obvious. A few symptoms are listed below:

- Double Vision or vision impairment
- Changes in sensation and feeling over the face
- Deformed or uneven face or facial bones
- Difficulty breathing through the nose due to swelling and bleeding
- Missing teeth
- Swelling around the eyes

The goal of treatment and reconstructive surgery is to restore normal function and appearance of the injured skin and/or bones. Sometimes, it requires reconstructive surgery. Disruption of facial aesthetics can be impacted by injury and surgery for head and neck tumors. Restoration of function and appearance is the ultimate goal of reconstructive surgery of the head and neck.

- Control bleeding
- Create a clean airway
- Fix broken bone segments with titanium plates and screws
- Leave the fewest scars possible

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