

Questions to Ask Your Potential Surgeon

- Are you certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?
- Do you have a medical license?
- Do you have a dental license?
- Where did you complete your training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery? (Please list all programs)
- Did you complete any additional fellowship training?
- Did you complete training in any other surgical specialties?
- Were you trained during your residency in this type of surgery?
- Was it a significant part of your residency program?
 - If not, how and where did you get your training?
- How many orthognathic surgery cases have you performed in private practice?
 - How many cases in the last five years?
 - How many in the last two years?
 - How many in the last year?
- Will you be the only surgeon performing the surgery?
 - If not, who else will be performing or assisting in the surgery?
 - What portion of the procedure will they be performing?
 - Will you be charging separately for their services?
 - Are they members of your practice?
 - If not, why do you need the assistance of surgeons not in your practice?
- What percentage of your practice is dedicated to orthognathic surgery?
- What hospital has granted you privileges to perform orthognathic surgery?

- Where will you perform my surgery?
 - Do they have an ICU?
 - Do they have invasive radiology capability?
 - Is the nursing staff experienced with the post-op care of patients after corrective jaw surgery?

- Will there be any resident or fellow involvement in my surgery?
- If so, how much involvement and what portions of the surgery will they perform?
- Do you have a computerized diagnostic program to analyze my face and facial bones? Can I see the results of the analysis?
- Will you provide the names of your patients who have had similar surgery so that I can speak with them regarding their experience?
- How many times have you performed the same surgery that is required?
- How many orthodontists do you work with performing orthognathic surgery?
- Are you affiliated with any craniofacial centers where you perform orthognathic surgery?
- Do you have a program to deal with my insurance company if they deny or in any way try to control or regulate my care?
- Do you consider yourself an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of patients requiring orthognathic surgery?
- Who will be planning my surgery, performing the pre-surgical planning, and fabricating the surgical splints?
- Who will be taking care of me in the hospital?
- Who will be taking care of me during the post-operative period?
- Who can I call if I have a problem in the middle of the night?