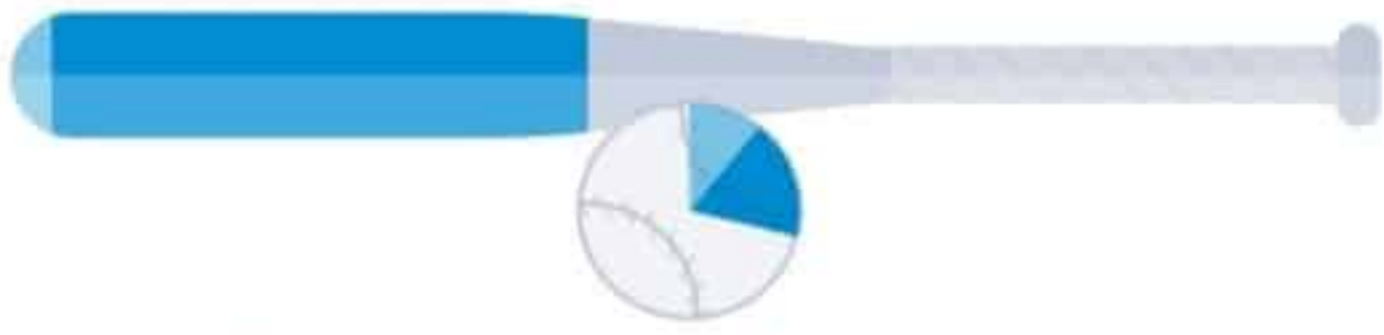


# Treatment of Facial Injury/ Trauma Surgery

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:

Combination

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

- Breathe
- Speak
- Swallow



## 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
- Protective mouth guards
- Appropriate masks and helmets during sports



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