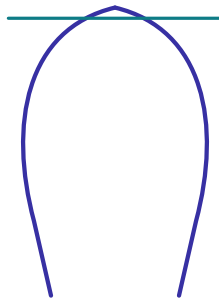


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What an oral surgery consultation usually includes

A consultation is usually a planning visit, not the surgery itself. In many cases, the office will review your referral or reason for the visit, take or review images, discuss the possible procedure in plain language, and explain what may happen before, during, and after surgery.

The surgeon or team may also talk about anesthesia or sedation options, expected recovery, possible risks, timing, and fees. This is your chance to slow things down and ask for explanations in simple words. If English is not your first language, it is reasonable to ask whether language help is available.

Our free download is designed to help you organize that conversation. It gives you a simple list of what to bring, what to write down, and what to ask so you can leave with a clearer picture of the plan. For more planning help, you can also explore our guides and other tools.

- Bring the checklist with space for notes
- Use it to compare more than one consultation if needed
- Ask for the treatment plan and full cost in writing before scheduling

What is inside the free checklist

The checklist is made for people who feel nervous, rushed, or unsure what to ask. It covers the practical basics first, then the decision points that matter most. You do not need special medical knowledge to use it.

Inside, you will find prompts for what to bring to the visit, such as your photo ID, referral slip if you have one, a list of current medicines you already keep for yourself, and any questions you want answered. It also includes space to note the surgeon's name, office details, and whether the surgeon is board-certified in oral and maxillofacial surgery. It is always smart to verify credentials yourself.

The question section helps you ask about the proposed procedure, whether anything might be done on the same day, what type of sedation may be offered, what the usual recovery period is, and what costs may apply. It also reminds you to ask what is included in the quote and what could change the final total. Costs vary by the procedure, sedation type, insurance, and your area, so ranges are ranges, not quotes.

There is also a comparison area if you want a second opinion. A second opinion is always reasonable, especially if the plan, timing, or price is not clear.

- What to bring
- Questions about the procedure and sedation
- Recovery and follow-up questions
- Cost and payment questions

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- Notes for comparing surgeons



How to use the checklist at your visit

Before the appointment, read through the checklist once and mark the questions that matter most to you. If you are anxious, pick your top 5 questions first. That can make the conversation feel easier.

During the consultation, take notes in real time or bring a trusted adult to help listen. Ask the surgeon to explain the plan step by step in plain language: what the procedure involves, what kind of numbing or sedation may be used, how long the visit may take, and what the typical recovery timeline looks like. Recovery is different for every person, so any timeline is typical, not a promise.

You can also use the checklist to ask what symptoms are commonly expected after surgery and when patients are usually told to call the surgeon's office. For a serious emergency, such as heavy bleeding, trouble breathing or swallowing, or a serious facial injury, call your local emergency number first.

Before you leave, make sure you understand the next step. That might mean scheduling, getting a written estimate, or getting another opinion. You are the decision-maker. You can compare surgeons, ask about board certification, and confirm the plan and full cost before you agree to anything.

- Circle the answers you want in writing
- Ask if any fees are separate from the main quote
- Do not be afraid to say, "Please explain that another way"

Questions worth asking before you choose a surgeon

A good consultation should help you understand both the clinical plan and the practical details. The checklist includes question prompts, but a few are especially important. Ask whether the surgeon is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon, what procedure is being proposed, what sedation options may be available, and what the usual follow-up plan looks like.

It is also reasonable to ask about the cost range and what affects it. In oral surgery, the real number often depends on the complexity of the case, imaging, sedation type, insurance, and local pricing. Getting the plan and full cost in writing helps avoid surprises later.

If you are still looking for a surgeon, our free matching service can help you connect with board-certified OMS offices in your area. Matching is free to the patient. You can still choose to get more than one consultation and compare your options carefully.

This checklist is educational only. It is not a diagnosis, treatment plan, or substitute for speaking directly with a licensed surgeon about your own case.

- Ask about board certification and verify credentials yourself
- Ask for the treatment plan in writing
- Ask for the full cost in writing before scheduling
- A second opinion is reasonable