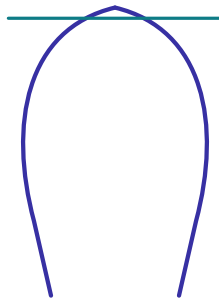


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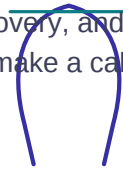
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Choosing an oral surgeon usually starts with a consultation. You hear the surgeon's view of the problem, the possible procedure steps, the type of sedation that may be offered, the expected recovery, and the cost range. This free checklist helps you compare those details side by side so you can make a calmer, clearer decision.



What this free checklist is for

Many people speak with more than one surgeon before scheduling. That is normal. A second opinion is reasonable, especially if the treatment plan, sedation, timing, or price feels unclear.

This checklist is designed to help you compare oral surgeons in a simple way. It focuses on the points that matter most: board certification, the proposed plan, sedation choices, recovery expectations, office communication, and written costs. It is not medical advice, and it does not tell you which surgeon to choose. It gives you a structured way to ask questions and keep your notes organized.

If you are just starting, you can also explore more educational articles in our guides or see other free planning tools in tools.

- Use it before, during, or right after each consultation
- Bring it on your phone or print it
- Compare answers from more than one office

What is inside the checklist

The checklist walks through the consultation in plain language. First, it helps you note the surgeon's credentials and whether the surgeon is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon. It also reminds you to verify credentials yourself, not just rely on marketing.

Next, it covers the treatment plan. In general, this means writing down what procedure may be recommended, why it may be suggested, whether imaging is needed, and what alternatives or staged options are discussed. It also gives space to note whether the explanation felt clear and easy to understand.

There is a section for sedation and anesthesia. Oral surgery consultations often include discussion of local anesthesia, nitrous oxide, oral sedation, IV sedation, or general anesthesia, depending on the case and the office. The checklist helps you compare what is offered, who provides it, and what questions you still want answered about risks, recovery, and escort requirements.

Finally, the checklist includes cost and logistics. It reminds you to ask for the full plan and full cost in writing before scheduling. That includes surgeon fees, facility or office fees, imaging, bone grafting if discussed, sedation fees, follow-up visits, and possible extra charges if the plan changes.

- Credentials and board certification
- Procedure plan and alternatives discussed
- Sedation options and who explains them

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- Written cost breakdown and scheduling details



How to use it well

Try to use one checklist per surgeon. During the visit, write down the same facts in the same order each time. That makes it easier to compare offices later. If English is not your first language, it is reasonable to ask whether language help is available. Clear communication matters.

Keep the focus on a few key questions. Is the surgeon board-certified? Was the plan explained in plain steps? Were sedation options reviewed clearly? Did the office explain typical recovery time in general terms, while also making clear that everyone heals differently? Did they tell you when patients are usually asked to call the surgeon after surgery?

When you get to price, remember that costs are ranges, not quotes. The real number can depend on the procedure, complexity, sedation type, imaging, insurance, and where you live. A consultation may give a range first, then a final written estimate after the plan is confirmed. If something is vague, ask for it in writing.

If you want help finding consultations to compare, our matching service at [get matched](https://getmatched.com) is free to patients. You share contact details and basic interest only. Then you can decide which offices you want to contact.

- Use the same checklist format for each office
- Ask for the treatment plan and cost in writing
- A second opinion is okay if anything feels rushed or unclear

What this tool does not do

This checklist does not replace a surgical consultation. It cannot diagnose a condition, tell you whether you personally need surgery, or decide which sedation is right for you. Those decisions belong to you and a licensed surgeon.

It also does not promise a lower price, a specific surgeon, or a better outcome. Its purpose is simpler than that. It helps you stay organized, compare information fairly, and ask better questions.

If you have urgent symptoms such as heavy bleeding, trouble breathing or swallowing, or a serious facial injury, call your local emergency number first. For non-emergency planning, this free download can help you move forward with more confidence and less confusion.