



Northwest Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is committed to ensuring your visits with us are pleasant and professional. Our practice has met the challenge of protecting both patient and employee while providing comprehensive and quality healthcare in the following ways:

Protection of Employees and Patients:

During your contact with doctors and staff at our office, you will notice that employees may wear gowns, gloves, masks and goggles when anticipating contact with patient fluids. This system is referred to as barrier protection. Our offices subject all surgical instruments to meticulous sterilization techniques, including steam heat autoclaving of all hand-pieces and instruments. Our office uses single patient use disposable needles, blades and burs to further minimize the risk of cross contamination. As added protection, biologicals are separated and disposed in specialized ways according to hazardous waste designation.

Vaccination and Infectious Disease Testing:

Our doctors and employees who may be exposed to patient blood have taken the appropriate vaccinations to protect from contracting Hepatitis A and B and/or Tuberculosis. We take extra precautions above and beyond federally, state, and locally mandated requirements. In the event an accident occurs in which an employee or doctor is injured by a contaminated instrument, we will request that you be tested for HIV at our expense.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Training:

All of our employees are required to maintain certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Our doctors maintain certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Additionally, each office has an emergency protocol system to ensure that we are able to respond quickly and in the best interest of our patients. Our surgical assistants are registered with the State Board of Dental Examiners, and enroll in appropriate continuing education to ensure this licensure is maintained. Our assistants have also successfully completed the Dental Anesthesia Assistant's National Certification Examination process (DAANCE).

OSHA:

Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery complies with all aspects of stiff regulations from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). To ensure we remain current with all regulations, we undergo OSHA training and updates. Our practice has a designated OSHA compliance officer to ensure that we meet the existing regulations and to keep our office in compliance as new regulations are mandated by this agency.

Anesthesia:

As part of their medical training, our doctors have undergone extensive training in administration of anesthesia in the office. Each surgical room is equipped with the necessary monitoring devices to ensure patient safety while under anesthesia. Our doctors and staff have undergone additional voluntary office anesthesia evaluations performed by The Texas Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to ensure that we are handling our patients under all types of anesthesia in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical care.

Equipment:

We follow all requirements for maintaining our radiographic equipment and have a designated Radiation Safety Officer for the company. We complete annual testing of all medical and dental equipment in the office through an independent third party to ensure that all equipment is operating properly and to proactively manage maintenance of all equipment. Our surgical drills and hand-pieces also are subject to maintenance and inspection on a routine basis to ensure proper function.

Please discuss any questions and concerns with your doctor. Your comfort and safety is important to us. Thank you for choosing Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.