

# The Path to Become an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon



## Education:



### Undergraduate Education

Including dental requisites.



### Dental School

Earning DDS or DMD (4 years).



### Residency/ Surgical Training

In hospital-based residency program (minimum of 4 years).



### State Licensure

Obtain appropriate state licensure and permits.



## Additional options:



### Board Certification

Majority of OMSs pursue board certification.



### Graduate Degrees

Some OMSs have additional graduate degrees, such as an MD, PhD or MBA.



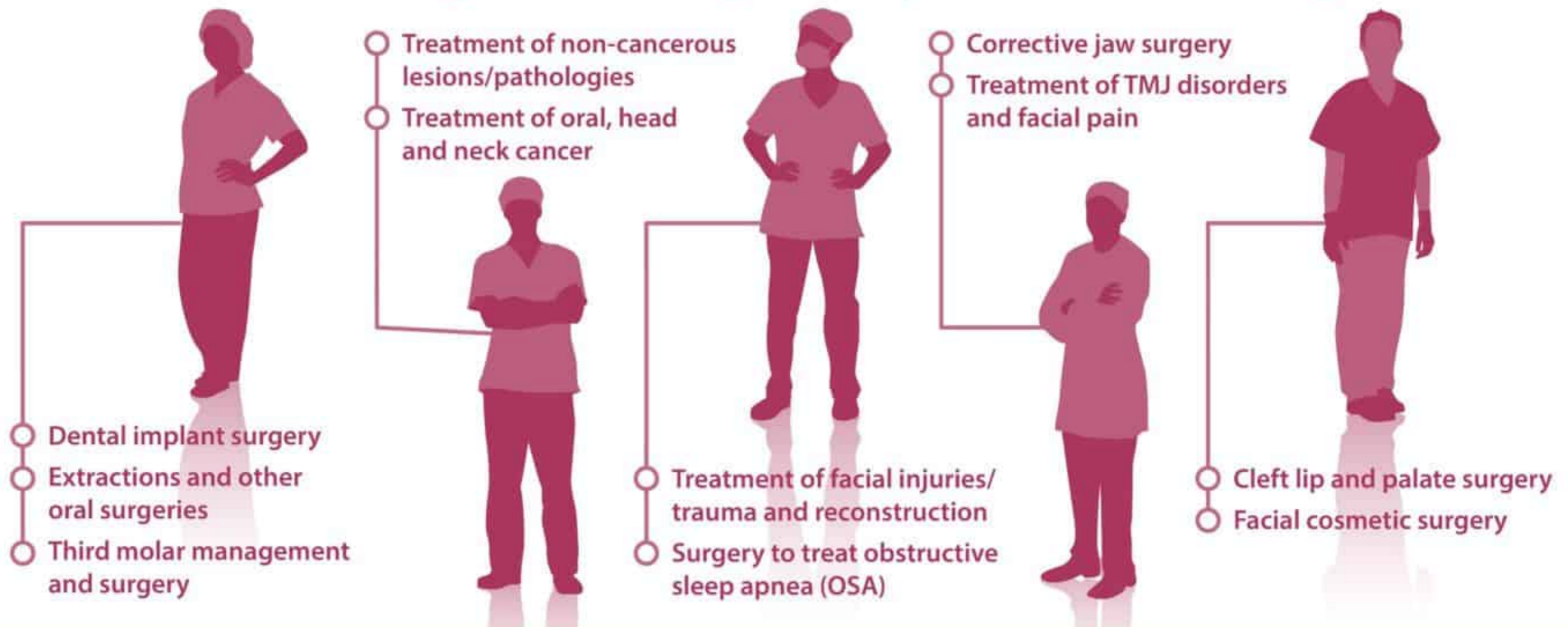
### Fellowships

Some OMSs complete 1- to 2-year fellowships for advanced training.

## Did you know?

OMSs train alongside medical residents in internal medicine, general surgery and anesthesiology and spend time in otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), plastic surgery, emergency medicine and other specialty areas.

## Upon completion of their programs, OMSs can diagnose and manage a variety of conditions, including:



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