

High Risk Nerve Injury:

- You are at high risk for nerve injury during this oral surgery procedure.
- The dentist whom is doing your surgery is concerned about the risk of nerve injury for your case.

Expert Level Care with Oral Surgeons:

- I have been informed about the recommendation to receive a second opinion from a local oral surgeon. - I have also been told of the option to have an oral surgeon perform my surgery.
- This dental office has recommended a local oral surgeon called "Farifax OMFS" in Reston VA.

- Pain level after your surgery can be as much as 10/10 for prolonged periods of time.
- Most people experience 7/10 for brief period of time; but there are some patients that experience 10/10 pain level for prolonged period of time, after surgery.
- These patients are asked to go to Emergency Room for IV drugs.

- In some cases you can experience post-surgery nerve injury with nerve pain that is permanent.

- Facial Nerve Paralysis can occur but this is rare. When facial nerve paralysis occurs, it is typically temporary and resolves after several weeks. However, permanent facial nerve paralysis is also possible.
- Facial nerve paralysis will make it impossible for the patient to wink and smile on one side of their face. Facial nerve paralysis also causes droopy lip and drooling.

- Block injections can lead to permanent nerve injury with permanent pain sensations in the upper and/or lower jaw.

- Mandibular jaw block injections can lead to permanent mandibular nerve injury with permanent pain sensations in the jaws.

- If you receive nerve injury or nerve pain after your surgery, then you will be referred to a local neurologist for special drugs. Additionally, you will also receive a referral to 'Howard School of Dentistry' for the oral surgery clinic there to evaluate your nerve injury.

Consequences of Nerve Injury Events:

- Prolonged or permanent numbness in your lip, chin, teeth, gum, tongue

- Prolonged or permanent pain in your jaw, TMJ, mandibular nerve, lip, chin, teeth

- Subjective pain is impossible to predict or manage. Some patients experience pain for reasons that are impossible to understand by the surgeons/neurologists trying to treat their pain.

Your case is a high-risk case for nerve injury.

You have high risk of nerve damage if you elect to proceed with this oral surgery case.

It is highly recommended that you go to a oral surgeon instead of doing this procedure with the general dentists in our office. We are recommending that you visit a oral surgeon such as NOVAOMS or FAIRFAX OMFS here in Reston VA.