

# Patient Safety: An Issue of Oral and Maxillofacial Clinics of North America

Patient safety is a critical issue in all healthcare settings, including oral and maxillofacial clinics. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the latest research and best practices in patient safety for oral and maxillofacial surgeons.



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- Section 1: Overview of Patient Safety
- Section 2: Risk Management in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Section 3: Quality Improvement in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Section 4: Patient Safety Education and Training

Section 1 provides an overview of the history of patient safety, the current state of patient safety in the United States, and the role of oral and maxillofacial surgeons in improving patient safety.

Section 2 discusses the various types of risks that patients face in oral and maxillofacial surgery, and how to manage these risks to prevent adverse events.

Section 3 describes the different quality improvement initiatives that can be implemented in oral and maxillofacial surgery clinics to improve patient safety.

Section 4 discusses the importance of patient safety education and training for oral and maxillofacial surgeons and their staff.

This book is a valuable resource for oral and maxillofacial surgeons, residents, and students who want to improve patient safety in their clinics.

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## **History of Patient Safety**

The history of patient safety can be traced back to the early days of medicine. In the 1800s, Florence Nightingale was a pioneer in promoting patient safety in hospitals. She developed a number of measures to improve sanitation and infection control, which helped to reduce the death rate from hospital-acquired infections.

In the 1900s, the focus on patient safety shifted to preventing medical errors. In 1919, the American College of Surgeons published the first set of standards for surgical practice. These standards included requirements for surgeons to wash their hands before and after surgery, and to use sterile instruments and dressings.

In the 1990s, there was a growing awareness of the problem of medical errors in the United States. In 1999, the Institute of Medicine published a report entitled "To Err is Human," which estimated that 44,000 to 98,000 people die each year from medical errors in the United States.

## **Current State of Patient Safety**

The current state of patient safety in the United States is mixed. There have been some significant improvements in patient safety in recent years, but there is still much room for improvement.

According to a 2016 report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the number of deaths from hospital-acquired infections has declined by 50% since 2000. However, the number of deaths from medical errors has remained relatively stable.

The AHRQ report also found that there is wide variation in patient safety across different hospitals. Some hospitals have very good patient safety records, while others have poor records.

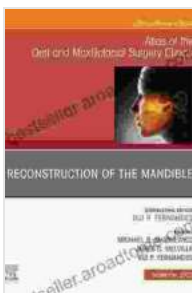
## **Role of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Improving Patient Safety**

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons play a vital role in improving patient safety. They are responsible for providing safe and effective care to their patients, and they can help to reduce the risk of medical errors by following best practices and adhering to patient safety guidelines.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons can also play a role in improving patient safety by participating in research and quality improvement initiatives. By sharing their experiences and knowledge, oral and maxillofacial surgeons can help to develop and implement best practices that can improve patient safety for all patients.

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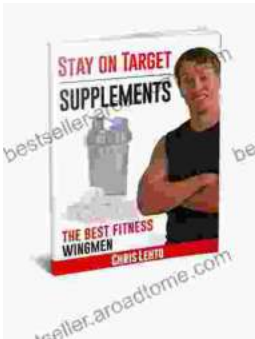
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