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RORY O'CONNOR AND SUJEEV RAJAPAKSE

Part 1: Management of Oral/Facial Trauma
Part 2: Maxillofacial Referral Protocol

SYNOPSIS

Every dental team will at some point treat a patient with oral or facial trauma and need to know when to refer to secondary care. In this two-part Maxillofacial Update, consultants Rory O'Connor and Suj Rajapakse cover how to manage oral and facial injuries, including controlling bleeding, rehabilitation, and where facial trauma sits within Major Trauma care. They then update the referral protocol: when an OMFS referral is appropriate, what makes a high-quality referral, which pathway to choose, how to avoid rejection, and which patients need urgent assessment.

Rory is a consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Major Trauma at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, one of the UK's busiest Major Trauma Centres, with a special interest in facial trauma and post-traumatic deformity. Suj has been a consultant at Nottingham University Hospitals for over a decade, specialising in TMJ surgery. He is Training Programme Director for OMFS in the East Midlands, is qualified in both medicine and dentistry, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE Tuesday 24 November 2026

TIME
6.00pm - Trade / Sponsors registration
7.00pm - Dinner
8.00pm - Lecture

ADDRESS Mercure Nottingham Sherwood,
296 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG5 2BT

MENU

Butternut squash and sage velouté: Fresh chive-whipped cream, garlic-herb croutons, pine nut dressing

Miso cod: Warm Asian coleslaw, roasted carrot, tender-steamed broccoli, chip-shop curry sauce

Passion fruit panna cotta: Passion fruit gel, vanilla whipped cream
**Vegetarian option available.*

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

CPD VALUE

3 HOURS

GDC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

A Effective communication with patients and the dental team

C Maintenance and development knowledge/ skill within your field of practice

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Rory is a consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Major Trauma at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham with a special interest in facial trauma and post-traumatic facial deformity. He trained in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the East Midlands and undertook subspeciality training in Major Trauma at the Queen's Medical Centre, one of the busiest Major Trauma Centres in the UK

Suj Rajapakse is a Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, where he has practised for over a decade. His principal subspecialty interest is temporomandibular joint (TMJ) surgery, and he works within one of the UK's leading centres for TMJ reconstruction and prosthetic joint replacement. In addition to his specialist TMJ practice, he maintains an active interest in maxillofacial trauma surgery and has extensive experience across the breadth of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Alongside his clinical work, he is actively involved in postgraduate education and training. He has served as an Educational Supervisor for Dental Core Trainees and, for the past six years, has been Training Programme Director for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the East Midlands, overseeing the development and quality assurance of specialist training across the region. He is also a core member of the Regional Managed Clinical Network for Oral Surgery.

Suj graduated in medicine from St Mary's Hospital Medical School (Imperial College) and subsequently completed a dental degree at Guy's, King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and has held leadership, teaching, and mentoring roles throughout his career. Outside medicine, he has a longstanding interest in hockey, having previously played and coached the sport, experiences that have helped shape his approach to leadership, teamwork, and professional development.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- Management of bleeding
- Facial trauma rehabilitation
- How facial trauma fits in the wider context of Major Trauma

Update on referral protocol to the maxillofacial dept

- Understand when referral to OMFS is appropriate.
- Recognise the information required for a high-quality referral.
- Select the correct referral pathway for common oral surgery and OMFS conditions.
- Avoid common causes of referral rejection or redirection.
- Identify patients requiring urgent or emergency OMFS assessment.

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Booking form

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Please note: Bookings are on a strictly first come, first served basis. Your booking will only be secured once payment has been received.

Bookings must be made by Midday on Friday 20 November 2026.

YOUR DETAILS

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Account name: Nottingham Dental Society
Sort code: 60-80-09
Account no.: 88877248

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