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Corrective Jaw Surgery

If your face appears "out of balance" and you are not happy with the way your look, you may be a good candidate for corrective jaw (also called orthognathic) surgery.

The way your facial bones develop will affect your oral health and facial appearance. The position and size of your facial bones and teeth will determine how well you bite, chew and speak.

Face proportion is also important. A well proportioned face can be separated into equal thirds from the hairline to the brows, the eyebrows to the base of the nose, and from the base of the nose to the chin. When your face is divided down the middle, each side should closely resemble the other.

Any of the following symptoms may indicate a need for Corrective Jaw surgery:

- Difficulty chewing or biting food
- Difficulty swallowing
- Chronic jaw pain
- Excessive wearing of teeth
- Open bite (a space between upper and lower teeth when the mouth is closed)
- Overbite, where the teeth overlap too much.
- Unbalanced facial appearance
- Facial injury or a defect from birth