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Basic Management Principles and Best Practice for the Care of Facial Deformity Patients





Basic Management Principles for the Care of Facial Deformity

Clinical Training

- Both the orthodontist and oral and maxillofacial surgeon carrying out the joint planning and treatment must have been appropriately trained.
- The surgeon should have completed specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery and then maintain sufficient experience in orthognathic surgery.
- The orthodontist should undertake appropriate training which would ideally consist of post-basic specialty training for two years in an FTTA or equivalent post. It is recognised that there are at present insufficient training posts, and a flexible approach should therefore be adopted until FTTA specialist orthodontic training capacity is increased.
- A minimum of 25 orthognathic patients per year passing through the multidisciplinary clinics is required for audit and for adequate training of both surgical and orthodontic trainees. The multidisciplinary team should ensure trainees attend such clinics to ensure appropriate clinical exposure in the planning and management of patients with facial deformity.

Principles and Best Practice for Orthognathic Deformity Patients



Clinical Care Pathway

- Multi-disciplinary working is best practice in most areas of surgery and orthognathic surgery is no exception.
- Assessment, planning and treatment decisions should be made in a Multidisciplinary Clinic environment to ensure a coordinated agreed approach to management and informed consent. All patients must be seen jointly prior to the commencement of treatment.
- The orthodontist should be involved in all peri-operative and post operative stages of patient care.
- The orthognathic team should follow the appropriate national guidelines, e.g. BOS/BAOMS minimum dataset.

Clinical Governance

- Regular, appropriate CPD should be undertaken by all members of the team and regular audit of the quality of care provided for orthognathic patients should be undertaken.
- Clinicians undertaking the care of patients undergoing orthognathic surgery should attend the majority of MDT Clinics. Only in exceptional circumstances should a patient not be seen on an MDT Clinic.

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