



## ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

### TERMINOLOGY

**Adjunctive:**

Help or assistance, by extension, applied to any device by which a function can be improved or augmented, an appliance which is used to close a cleft in the hand or soft palate, or both, or to restore other tissue necessary to the production of vocal sounds.

**Associate:**

Any item or individual grouped with others by some common factor, to accomplish association.

**Association:**

1. Union; connection of persons, things or ideas by some common factor. 2. A functional connection of two ideas, events, or psychological phenomena that is established through learning or experience.

**Facial:**

1. of or pertaining to the face. 2. *facies vestibularis dentis*-vestibular surface: the surface of a tooth that is directed outward toward the vestibule of the mouth.

**Maxillofacial:**

Pertaining to the jaws and the face, particularly with reference to specialized surgery of this region.

**Maxilla:**

Upper jaw bone; upper jaw; an irregularly shaped bone, supporting the superior teeth and taking part in the formation of the orbit, hard palate, and nasal cavity.

**Plastic Surgery:**

The surgical specialty or procedure concerned with the restoration, construction, reconstruction, or improvement in the shape and appearance of body structures that are missing, defective, damaged, or misshapened.

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