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Facial Injuries and Disorders





Face injuries and disorders can cause pain and affect how you look. In severe cases, they can affect sight, speech, breathing and your ability to swallow. Fractures [<https://medlineplus.gov/fractures.html>] (broken bones), especially in the bones of your nose, cheekbone and jaw [<https://medlineplus.gov/jawinjuriesanddisorders.html>] , are common facial injuries.

Certain diseases also lead to facial disorders. For example, nerve diseases like trigeminal neuralgia [<https://medlineplus.gov/trigeminalneuralgia.html>] or Bell's palsy [<https://medlineplus.gov/bellspalsy.html>] sometimes cause facial pain, spasms and trouble with eye or facial movement. Birth defects can also affect the face. They can cause underdeveloped or unusually prominent facial features or a lack of facial expression. Cleft lip and palate [<https://medlineplus.gov/cleftlipandpalate.html>] are a common facial birth defect.




Treatments and Therapies

- **Corrective Jaw Surgery** [<https://myoms.org/what-we-do/corrective-jaw-surgery/>]
 (American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons)
- **Facial Reanimation Surgery** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/facial-reanimation-surgery/about/pac-20556545?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/tests-procedures/facial-reanimation-surgery/about/pac-20556545?p=1>]
- **Scar Revision: Understanding Facial Scar Treatment**
[<https://www.aafprs.org/Consumers/Procedures/FacialRejuvenation/Scar/A/FR11.aspx>]
(American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery)
- **Treatment of Facial Injury** [https://myoms.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Ebook_facial_Injury_R.pdf]
(American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons) - **PDF**

Specifics

- **Blowout Fracture** [<https://www.aapos.org/glossary/blowout-fracture>]
(American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus)
- **Coffin-Lowry Syndrome** [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/coffin-lowry-syndrome>]
 (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)
- **Facial Hemiatrophy** [<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/7338/progressive-hemifacial-atrophy>]
 (Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center)
Also in Spanish [<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/espanol/13462/atrofia-hemifacial-progresiva>]
- **Melkersson-Rosenthal Syndrome** [<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/7010/melkersson-rosenthal-syndrome>]
 (Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center)
- **Mobius Syndrome** [<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/8549/moebius-syndrome>]
 (Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center)



Genetics

- Coffin-Lowry syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/coffin-lowry-syndrome>]  (National Library of Medicine)
- Freeman-Sheldon syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/freeman-sheldon-syndrome>]  (National Library of Medicine)
- Moebius syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/moebius-syndrome>]  (National Library of Medicine)

Health Check Tools

- Facial Swelling [<https://familydoctor.org/symptom/facial-swelling/?adfree=true>] (American Academy of Family Physicians)
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/sintoma/hinchazon-de-la-cara/?adfree=true>]

Clinical Trials


- ClinicalTrials.gov: Craniofacial Abnormalities [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Craniofacial+Abnormalities%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Facial Injuries [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Facial+Injuries%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Craniomaxillofacial-Derived MSCs in Congenital Defect Reconstruction. [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40723825>]
- Article: Surgical treatment of first branchial cleft anomalies using retrograde facial nerve... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40694114>]
- Article: Characterizing healthcare resource utilization in two rare diseases (Kleefstra syndrome and... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40624551>]
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Find an Expert

- Find an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon [<https://myoms.org/find-a-surgeon/>] (American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons)
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research [<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>] 
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/espanol>]

Patient Handouts

- Face pain [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003027.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/003027.htm>]
- Facial nerve palsy due to birth trauma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001425.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001425.htm>]
- Facial paralysis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003028.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/003028.htm>]
- Facial trauma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001062.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001062.htm>]



MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

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Facial swelling [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003105.htm>]

Facial tics [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001410.htm>]

Facial trauma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001062.htm>]

Related Health Topics

Bell's Palsy [<https://medlineplus.gov/bellspalsy.html>]

Cleft Lip and Palate [<https://medlineplus.gov/cleftlipandpalate.html>]

Craniofacial Abnormalities [<https://medlineplus.gov/craniofacialabnormalities.html>]

Nose Injuries and Disorders [<https://medlineplus.gov/noseinjuriesanddisorders.html>]

Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery [<https://medlineplus.gov/plasticandcosmeticsurgery.html>]

Trigeminal Neuralgia [<https://medlineplus.gov/trigeminalneuralgia.html>]

National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Facial Injuries and Disorders* is the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research [<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>]

Other Languages

Find health information in languages other than English

[<https://medlineplus.gov/languages/facialinjuriesanddisorders.html>] on *Facial Injuries and Disorders*

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