My name is Dr. Andrés F. Herrera. I was born and raised in Cali, Colombia. I'm a Board-Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who received my Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in 1994. I completed a six year Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. After completing my residency in 2003, I joined Loyola's staff as an Assistant Professor of Surgery until December of 2005.

In addition to working with two of the most respected leaders in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery community, at Loyola, I received extensive training and professional practice in facial trauma, reconstruction, orthognatic surgery, nerve repair, advanced dental implant placement, cosmetic surgery and esthetic oculoplastic surgery.

I have devoted my professional career to all aspects of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and I am committed to providing the highest level of care to my patients. I will personally explain all recommended procedures and keep you fully informed about every aspect of your treatment.

PROcedures AND SERVICES
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COMMON ORAL AND FACIAL SURGERY PROCEDURES

- Removal of wisdom and unrestorable teeth
- Pediatric oral surgery
- Biopsies of the mouth and face
- Surgical extractions for orthodontics

FACIAL AND JAW PAIN MANAGEMENT

- Non-surgical and surgical management of facial and TMJ pain
- Splint and pharmacotherapy
- Coordination with stress management, biofeedback and physical therapy
- Facial and jaw pain evaluations

REHABILITATIVE AND ESTHETIC PROCEDURES

- Evaluation and correction of jaw malproportions
- Treatment of dental and facial fractures
- Repair of facial lacerations
- Bone graft reconstructive surgery
- Implant surgery
- Preparation of the mouth for dentures
- Tumor surgery
- Cosmetic surgery

After surgery, you may experience some swelling and discomfort. However, with personalized post-operative instructions and medications, Dr. Herrera can minimize discomfort following surgery.
surgery. My experience at Loyola gives me the breadth of knowledge, clinical reasoning and excellent surgical skills that offer the best care for my patients. To keep abreast of the latest developments in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, I have always exceeded the continuing education requirements of my specialty. In addition, during my residency and time as faculty, I was able to publish several scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals of my field. In addition, I presented in multiple local and national scientific meetings.

My hobbies include painting and dining. I’ve been married for 11 years to my wife, Ahalia. We have 3 daughters: Gabriela, Juliana and Isabela.

Our staff of dental assistants and office coordinators are well-trained professionals providing the finest individual care and are dedicated to serving our patients.

Welcome to the oral and maxillofacial surgery practice of Dr. Andres Herrera. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide you with the highest quality Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery care. We specialize in advanced surgical methods for the mouth, face and jaws, and make every attempt to exceed your expectations through exceptional treatment and “from the heart” customer service.

WORKING WITH YOUR FAMILY DENTIST
Your family dentist has referred you to our office and naturally plays an important role in optimum oral health. We recognize the value of good communication between doctors and have therefore made a commitment to work with your family dentist to enable the most comprehensive treatment program. We regularly communicate with your family dentist during your treatment as well as during follow up.

PATIENT PROTECTION AND COMFORT
Our office is committed to your safety. Throughout the day, we continuously and thoroughly sterilize our equipment for your protection and adhere to or exceed every standard of infection control set by the Center for Disease Control and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Your comfort is also a top priority. We strive to make our office a relaxing and pleasant environment. We are extensively trained in providing sedation and general anesthesia. In addition, we communicate with you every step of the way.

FINANCIAL OPTIONS
Several factors determine the fee for Oral Surgery services, including the complexity and advancement of the situation; you will be informed of any fees before treatment is started. We understand your health care or dental insurance may not cover all of the cost of your treatment, and we make every effort to help you maximize your coverage and increase your reimbursement. Financial options will also be discussed during the initial visit.

APPOINTMENTS / SCHEDULING
With regard to scheduling and appointments, we value your time and pride ourselves on the efficiency of our office. We have convenient office hours that allow you to make convenient appointments. We are also always available to answer questions or help our patients in an emergency situation. To speak to a doctor after hours, please call 831-424-7393 for the Salinas office or 831-728-3661 for the Freedom office.

ABOUT ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
Oral and maxillofacial surgeons receive extended training in their specialty, earning a four-year graduate degree and completing at least four years of residency. This area of expertise covers surgery and treatment of diseases, injuries and deformities of the functional and aesthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region (head, face, mouth, teeth, gums, jaws and neck.)

Wisdom tooth extraction is probably the most common Oral Surgery procedure, however, oral surgeons treat a variety of issues, from repairing facial trauma to oral cancer detection and removal. Dr. Herrera is experienced in jaw reconstruction and dental implants as well, and Dr. Herrera attends numerous continuing education courses each year, enabling him to provide the best possible care.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:
• American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• American Dental Association
• American Dental Society of Anesthesiology
• California Association of Oral Surgeons
• California Dental Association
• Monterey Dental Society