



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS ISSUES ADVISORY TO ALL MEMBERS PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON EBOLA VIRUS PRECAUTIONS

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SACRAMENTO – The California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) has issued an advisory to all oral and facial surgeons in California that provides important guidance on Ebola virus precautions.

As healthcare professionals, surgeons are at a higher risk of being exposed to the deadly virus. CALAOMS members have been advised to look for signs and symptoms of Ebola infection in their patients. These symptoms include fever, severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, stomach pain and unexplained bleeding or bruising.

CALAOMS has recommended that its members take a medical history, including travel history, from their patients with symptoms in which a viral infection is suspected. Surgeons have also been advised to protect themselves by using standard precautions and physical barriers, including masks, gowns, gloves and facial protection.

“While it is very unlikely that someone with Ebola symptoms would seek our care while they are ill, CALAOMS is taking all of the necessary precautions to prevent the further spread of this violent virus within the United States,” said Albert Lin, DDS and President of CALAOMS. “Our members will continue to be notified as we work to collect the most up-to-date guidance from local health authorities.”

For more information on the Ebola virus, visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.

The California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) is the only recognized California state component society of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).

CALAOMS was founded in the mid-1980s as a representing body for both the Northern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (NCSOMS) and the Southern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (SCSOMS). In the late 1990s the three organizations unified into the sole entity of CALAOMS.

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