

Chicago Oral Surgeon Featured in the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association Journal

Chicago Loop oral surgeon, Dr. Steven Koos, is featured in the cover story of the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association Journal.

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Online PR News – 08-April-2013 – Chicago, IL – Dr. Steven Koos, an [oral surgeon in Chicago](#), was recently featured in the cover story of the April 2013 issue of the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association Journal. The cover story, titled Operation Green – Implementing Sustainable And Eco-Friendly Practices In Your Surgery Center, showcases the environmentally responsible practices employed by the Chicago oral surgeon within his practice and ambulatory surgery center (ASC).

An ASC is a facility that provides same-day surgical care and offers a more convenient alternative to hospital-based outpatient procedures. Dr. Koos' oral surgery practice in the Chicago Loop, ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, is recognized as an ASC. Within his ASC, Dr. Koos performs oral and jaw surgery procedures, as well as [dental implants in Chicago](#).

ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio was highlighted in the ASCA Journal article due to the fact that the ambulatory surgery center diverts about 7,500 pounds of refuse from landfills each year, conserves about 3,000 gallons of water annually, has created a patient care facility that is free from the effects of mercury, lead, PVC, latex, BPA, BFR and DEHP, and has substantially reduced its carbon footprint. As Dr. Koos explains in the article, this is achieved through practices such as the use of a paperless digital charting system, reusable clinical textiles, autoclavable alternatives to single-use plastic items, routine waste management and recycling procedures, standardized instrument kits, the use of an on-site biohazard waste processor, and by partnering with companies that repurpose the ASC's medical waste into reusable products, such as those used for roads and bridges.

As the Chicago oral surgeon mentions in the article, "It's our corporate social responsibility to do things the right way for our patients and the surrounding community." Dr. Koos and his staff are continuously looking for ways to improve the "greenness" of their practice. As Dr. Koos explains, "protocol focused on social responsibility should be infused within the fabric of how every corporation is run, whether through the use of simple campaigns or complex initiatives."

ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, as well as Dr. Koos, have received a number of awards for their environmentally responsible and sustainable medical practices in recent years. The practice has received the Greenest Business Award by the Alliance for a Greener South Loop Chicago, has been recognized by CleanMed as a Partner for Change with Distinction Award and with the Making Medicine Mercury Free Award, is the recipient of Green Health Care Program's Gold Star Award, and is a Gold-Certified Charter Practice of the Eco-Dentistry Association.

The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association is a national membership association that provides resources to assist ambulatory surgery centers in delivering high quality and cost effective services to their patients. The association also represents ambulatory surgery centers in connection with other organizations, insurance companies, government programs and the public, and provides advocacy services. The ASCA Journal is a monthly magazine published by the organization.

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[Chicago Loop oral surgeon](#), Dr. Steven Koos, and his practice ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, have been recognized by numerous organizations for their environmentally responsible medical and dental practices. Most recently, the [Chicago oral surgery practice](#) was featured in the cover article of the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association Journal, the organization's monthly magazine. For more information about the green practices employed by Dr. Steven Koos and the staff at his Chicago Loop oral surgery practice, ORA® Oral Surgery & Implant Studio, visit <http://orasurgery.com> or call 312-328-9000.



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