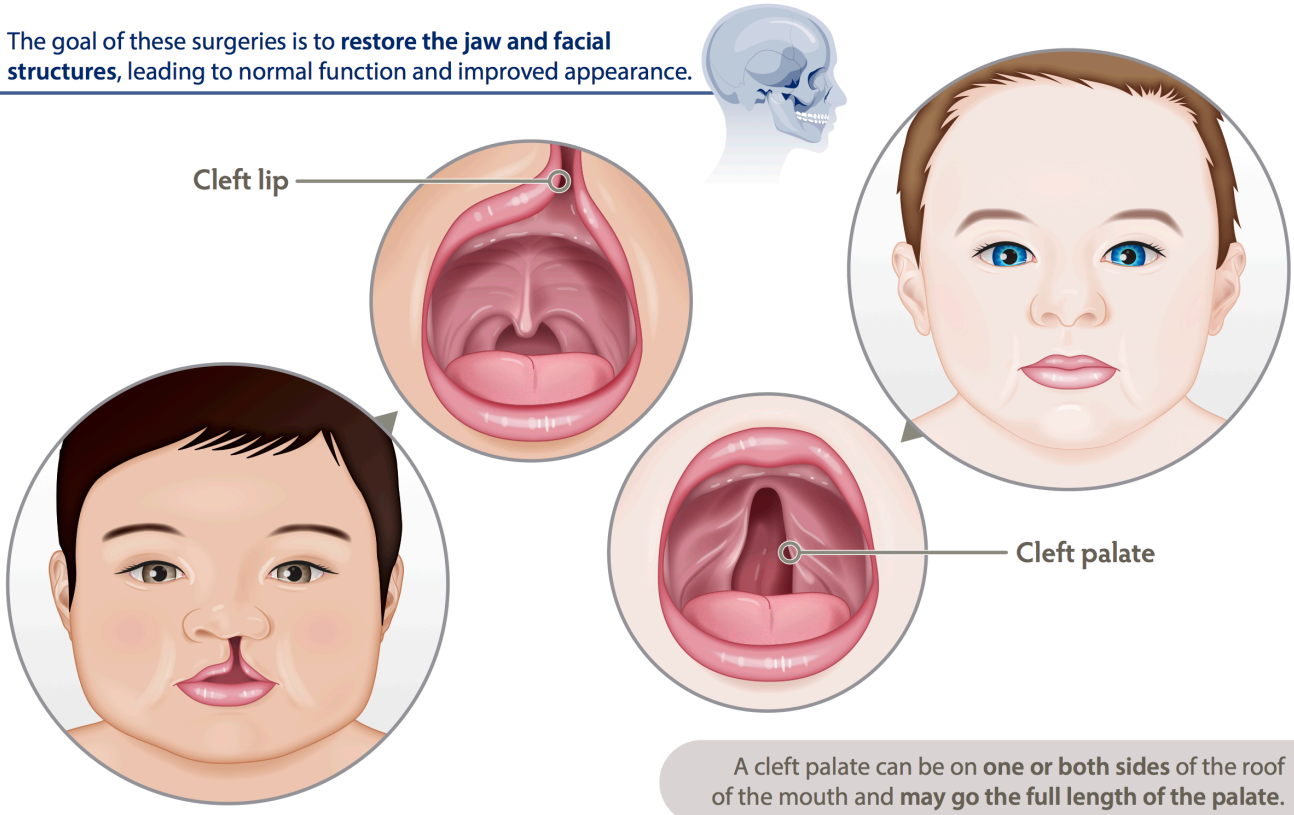
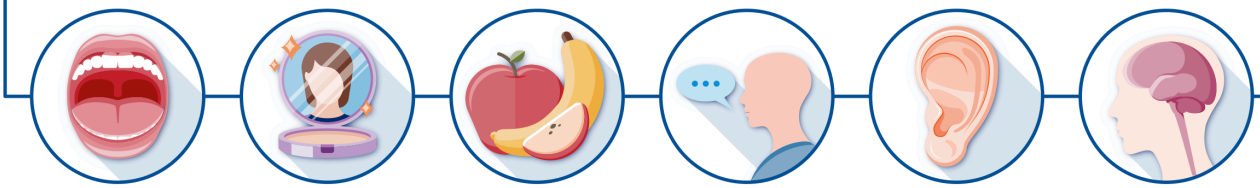
Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery

The goal of these surgeries is to **restore the jaw and facial structures**, leading to normal function and improved appearance.



A cleft palate can be on **one or both sides** of the roof of the mouth and **may go the full length of the palate.**

Care and treatment must consider



6 – 12 weeks

Children born with **cleft lip** usually have surgery between 6 and 12 weeks of age.

6 – 12 months

Those with **cleft palates** often require multiple surgeries **over many years**, usually starting between 6 and 12 months old.

1 in 600

A **cleft lip or cleft palate** is a physical defect that occurs in 1 in every 600 live births.

A team of healthcare specialists

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons play an important role in the carefully orchestrated, multiple-stage correctional plan.

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