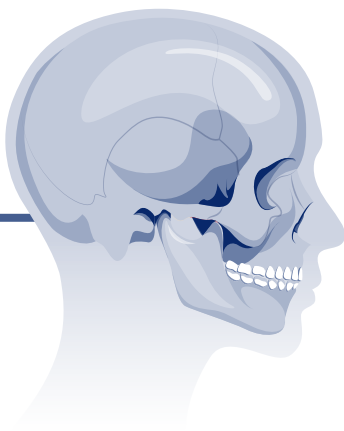
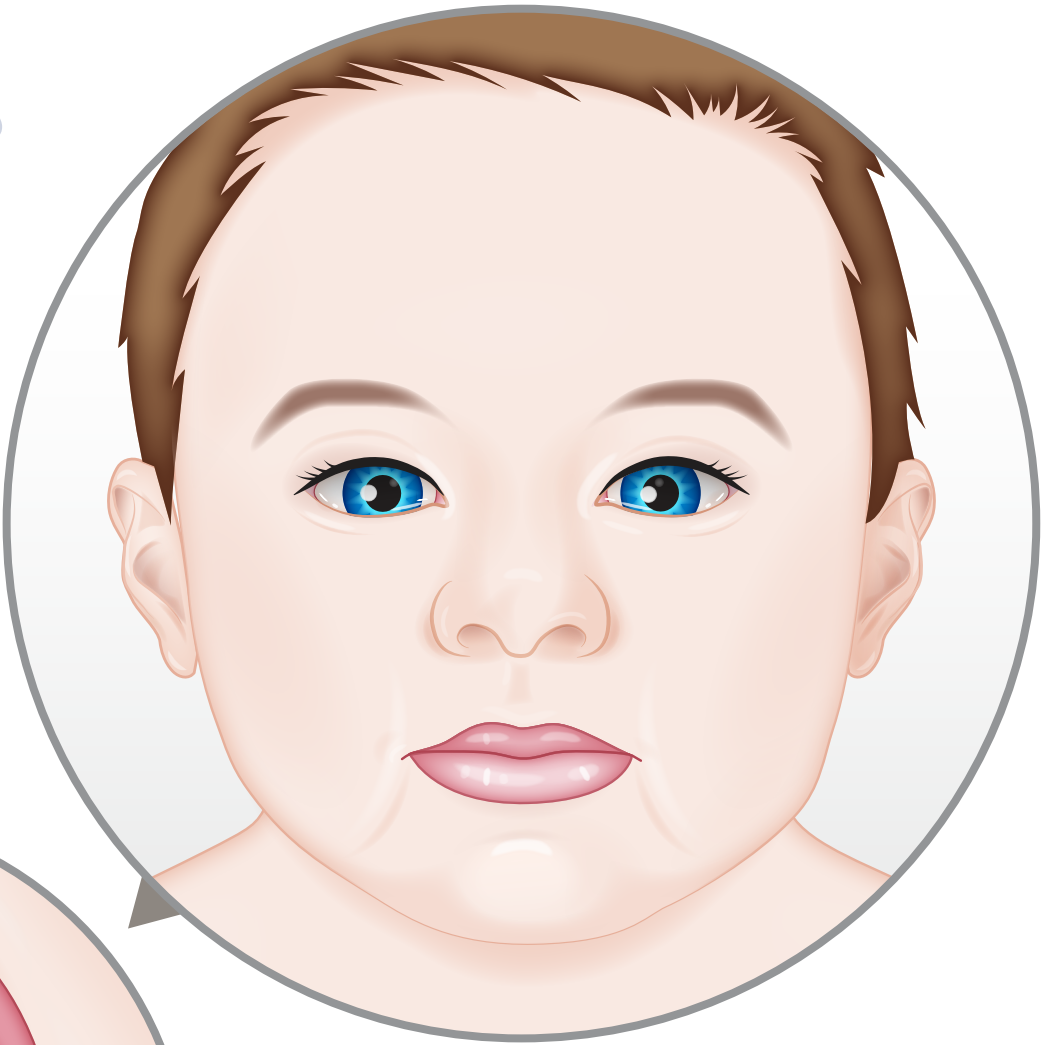
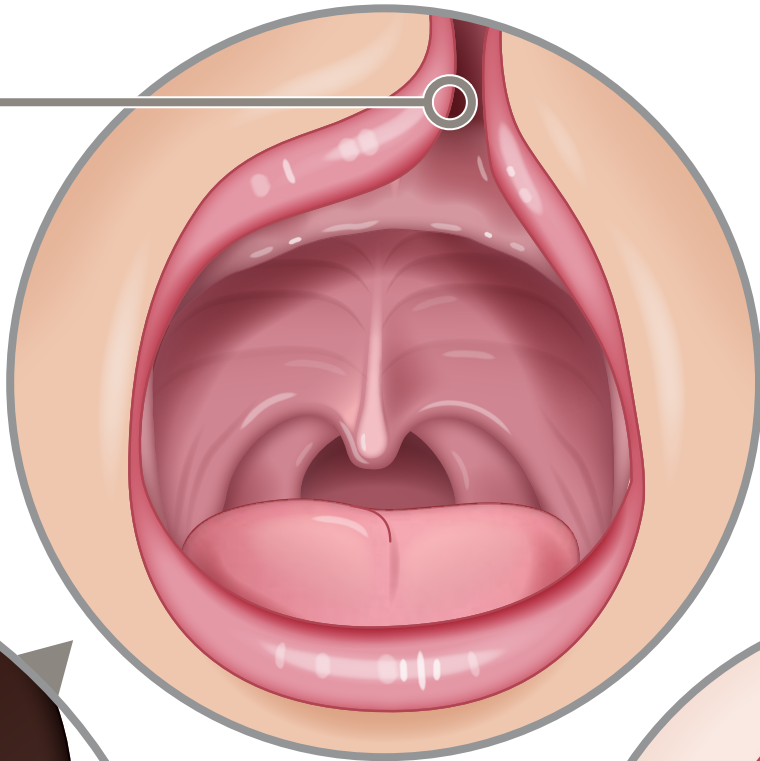


# Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery

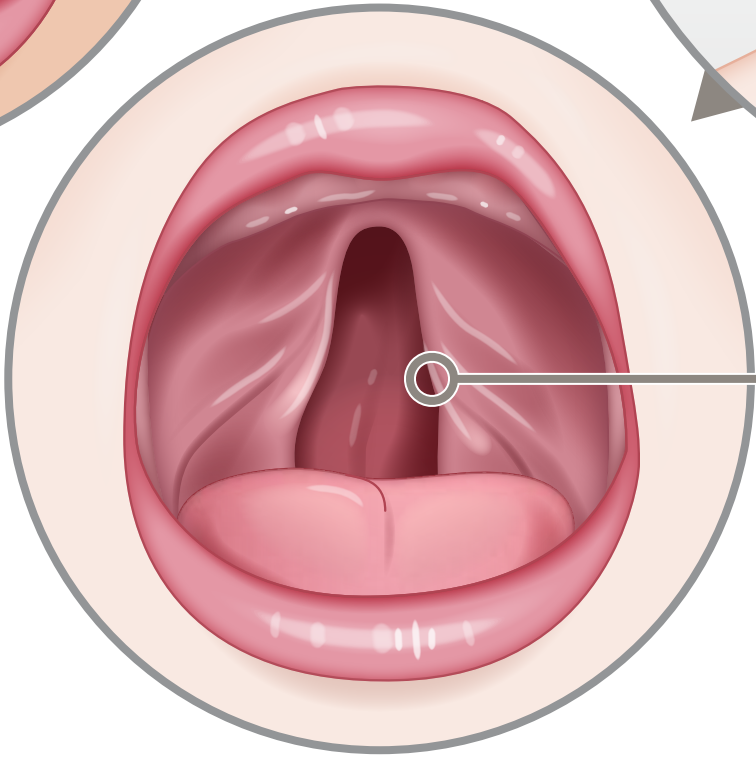
The goal of these surgeries is to **restore the jaw and facial structures**, leading to normal function and improved appearance.



Cleft lip



Cleft palate



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.

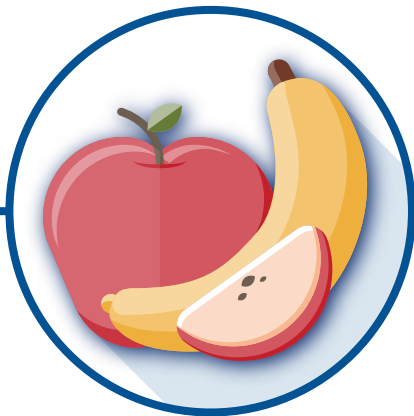
## Care and treatment must consider



Function



Improved appearance



Nutrition



Speech



Hearing



Emotional and psychological development



## 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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