Support the Cleft Palate & Craniofacial Clinic
Our PURPOSE

The mission of the Augusta University Craniofacial Center is to diagnose and treat children and adults with congenital and acquired craniofacial disorders including patients with cleft lip and palate at the Augusta University Craniofacial Center. We have a comprehensive Craniofacial Team that meets monthly. It is comprised of specialists from several different disciplines, who come together to examine patients and make recommendations for children seen that month. Parents and local health care providers are sent a letter listing specific recommendations and appointment information for each child. In this way, we hope to consolidate services as well as provide optimum patient care.

Costs of TREATMENT

Pediatric dental care is mandatory once the first tooth erupts. Usually this happens when the baby is six to seven months old. It is well reported that patients with cleft lip and palate tend to have a higher incidence of caries and other dental anomalies.

Orthodontists help guide the growth and development of the face and treat the dentition of a child with cleft and other craniofacial deformities to improve esthetics and function. The orthodontic treatment in a patient with cleft lip and palate is very important in three distinct developmental periods:

The Neonatal Period (infants)
Nasoalveolar molding is utilized to improve the lip and nasal morphology prior to lip surgery and the use of feeding aid appliances.

Mixed Dentition (7-11 year olds)
Maxillary expansion is done for bone graft preparation and alignment of the anterior teeth to improve the smile and self-esteem of the patient.

Permanent Dentition (12-18 years old)
Final orthodontic intervention includes braces on all the teeth. In approximately 20 percent of the cases, the orthodontic treatment will be combined with orthognathic surgery to correct the difference between upper and lower jaws.

Currently, most insurance companies do not cover earlier phases of orthodontic treatment for a child with cleft lip and palate. The nasoalveolar molding at birth, allows children to feed successfully and helps to obtain better results on the lip/palate repair. Later, the maxillary expansion and braces at age seven to nine years old that prepare the patient for the bone graft in the cleft region, or the correction of jaws differences to normalize the facial growth and improve the smile at young age, are not usually covered procedures.

We’re hoping that you will join us in the gift of a lifetime. Please donate to the MCG Foundation today so that children with cleft lip and palate in Georgia can have a different kind of life - one where they don’t ever have to hide their smiles.

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<td><strong>PRESURGICAL ORTHOPEDIC TREATMENT</strong></td>
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<td>20% of the cases need a phase III Orthodontic treatment or prosthetic intervention</td>
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The Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Clinic sees around 50 patients each year and very few are charged for their treatments. Consider a one time gift or ongoing support of the clinic this year.
An example of Nasoalveolar Molding therapy early in life, shows that surgery improves the feeding as well as the lip and nasal morphology prior to the lip closure surgery. When the nasoalveolar molding is used, better esthetic results can be obtained.

Between seven to nine years old the maxillary expansion is performed in preparation for the bone graft to correct the alveolar defect and allow the eruption and alignment of the teeth in the cleft region.

It takes a TEAM!

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Today's insurance does not cover three very important phases of dental treatment for a child with cleft lip and palate: the nasoalveolar molding at birth, which allows children to feed successfully and helps ensure a good lip/palate repair; maxillary expansion and bracing at age seven to realign the jaw and properly space teeth; and final bracing and restoration once permanent teeth come in.

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