

# Madigan Army Medical Center Referral Guidelines

## Craniofacial Deformity (Cleft Lip and Palate)

### Diagnosis/Definition

Any patient with deformity of the face and skull. Examples:

- Cleft Lip and Palate
- Congenital ear deformities (Microtia/Anotia)
- Craniosynostosis.
- Developmental abnormalities such as Treacher Collins Syndrome.
- Apert's Syndrome.
- Deformities secondary to trauma or disease.

### Initial Diagnosis and Management

- Physical examination and history.
- Radiologic studies are not necessary for referral
  - if a CT scan is ordered, please ensure it is a 3D CT scan.

### Indications for Specialty Care Referral

Any patient with major craniofacial deformities; particularly patients with Cleft Lip and Palate should be re-evaluated by the Craniofacial Team at least one time per year. The referral should be made at the time of initial evaluation, inpatient (i.e. shortly after birth), outpatient, or in some circumstances pre-natal due to emerging ability to diagnose craniofacial abnormalities before birth. **It is best to contact the ENT resident on call to help expedite the referral.**

NOTE: The Craniofacial Clinic meets on the first Thursday of every month and is supported by the following subspecialties:

- Audiology
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Neurosurgery
- Ophthalmology
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Otolaryngology
- Head & Neck Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Pediatric Surgery
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

### Criteria for Return to Primary Care

After surgery has been performed and the appropriate follow-ups with the Craniofacial Clinic are completed, the patient should be returned to their respective primary care provider.

### **Reference**

Thorne CH, Beasley RW, Aston SJ, et al ed. Grabb and Smith's plastic surgery, ed 6. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2007.

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