

**Cleft Lip and Palate
Care**

There can be numerous problems in the upper and lower jaw. Lip and nose revision surgery may be needed at 5 years old prior to kindergarten. Further revisions may be needed with growth and in the teen years.

The nurse assesses the need for medical intervention, whether the child has a primary care physician and guides referral to mental health services for children or families.

Children generally come to the cleft lip and palate clinic **once per year** to see the team. The child will be seen by each specialist. Recommendations will be made and sent to you by mail. Our clinic coordinator will help you to execute these recommendations.

Our Team

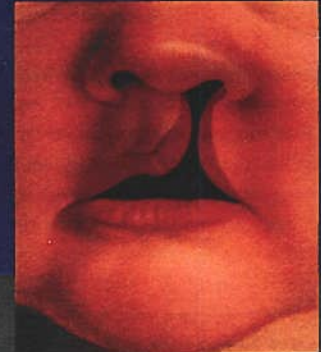
We are a dedicated team of professionals who have been serving the children of Kansas for over 30 years. **Our team is certified by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association and Cleft Palate Foundation. We look forward to serving you.**



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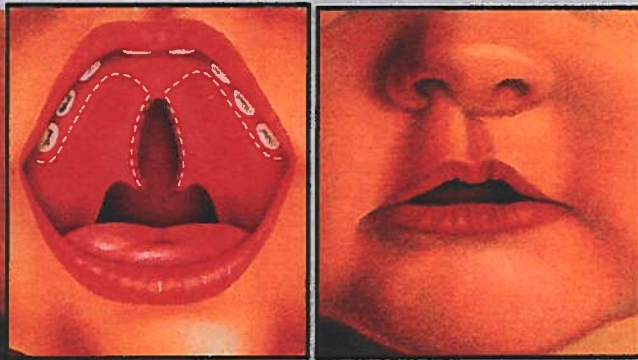
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Offering Multi-Disciplinary Cleft Lip and Palate Care

Children with cleft lip and palate have special needs requiring a multi-disciplinary team of specialists. Feeding is the initial concern for families as the opening in the lip and/or palate can make closure of the mouth around the nipple difficult for some babies. There are special bottles available to help with feeding. Our speech pathologists and nurses can also help you with feeding. Lip and nasal closure surgery is usually done when the baby is 3-6 months of age.



Cleft Palate and Repaired complete cleft lip

The opening in the cleft palate can allow formula to back up through the nose. Ear infections are common requiring antibiotics. Ear tubes may be placed by the ENT surgeon. Upper airway congestion, sinus involvement, allergies are common. Palate repair is done at 9-15 months of age.

The audiologist screens hearing yearly since ear infections can result in hearing problems which will impact speech development.

Speech development is monitored closely. The shape of the inside of the mouth and palate and mobility differences can affect the quality of speech. Most children with cleft lip and palate have speech therapy as a small child.

The orthodontist evaluates how teeth come in. A disrupted upper gum and mouth often cause teeth to need braces. General dental care begins by 2 years of age. Tooth health is essential for overall mouth health.

Cleft Lip & Palate Team Clinic

Our team includes:

Nataliya Biskup, MD,

Director

Fellowship-Trained Craniofacial &
Pediatric Plastic Surgeon

Roy Cole, DDS, MD

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon

David Fahrback, DDS

Orthodontist

Shaunda Rodriguez, DO

Ear, Nose, Throat Specialist

Brian Ray, PhD and Gina Riggs, MA

CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologists

Carmen Schulte M.A., CCC-A

Audiologist

Kathy Trilli, RDH

Dental Hygienist

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