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For more information about the Cleft Lip and Palate Center and the Center for Complex Craniofacial Disorders visit www.NationwideChildrens.org/Plastic-Surgery.

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The Cleft Lip and Palate Center

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We offer children and their families comprehensive care from a multi-disciplinary team of nationally recognized clinicians.

We provide comprehensive care to optimize facial appearance, speech, dentofacial development, and overall self-concept. In addition to providing premier diagnostic and treatment services to patients, we also provide educational and support programs for families and the community.

At Nationwide Children's Hospital, your child will be cared for by an integrated health care team dedicated to the restoration of form, function and self-esteem. We offer prenatal and pre-adoptive counseling to families as well as comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services to patients from birth to adulthood.

Our nationally recognized team has a single, clear focus – caring for the whole child for their whole life. From our perspective, expert surgery is only the beginning. True healing occurs when we build a lifelong relationship that continues to address each of the physical and emotional aspects associated with your child's condition.

THE TEAM APPROACH

During each clinic session, specialists from plastic surgery, otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), dentistry, orthodontics, audiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, nursing and speech pathology will see your child. The team is directed by the Chief of Plastic Surgery, Dr. Richard E. Kirschner. This "team approach" ensures that all of your child's needs are dealt with and that the timing of all treatments is coordinated. At the first appointment, a short and long-term treatment plan is developed. At each subsequent visit, this plan is reviewed and adjusted to meet your child's current needs.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Call (614) 722-6299 to make an appointment. For any other questions, call the clinic nurse at (614) 722-5821.

THE TEAM VISIT

Team visits are held on Tuesdays. During the visit, your child will be seen by all of the specialists that are needed at that time. Before you leave, the managing doctor (plastic surgeon) will discuss all of the findings with you. Plans for surgery and other treatments may be made at that time.

At the end of the session, the team meets to review the findings from your visit. A detailed report of the visit and a comprehensive treatment plan is then sent to you and your child's primary care doctor. This report is also sent to all other specialists involved in your child's care.

PREPARING FOR YOUR CLINIC VISIT

A few days before your appointment, you will receive a reminder letter. If you cannot keep your appointment, please let us know. Also, because space in the office is limited, please arrange for someone to care for other children at home if possible.

On the day of your appointment, please allow 2-4 hours for the visit. Since you will likely be with us for a few hours, be sure to eat before you come. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time for parking and registration. Be prepared with snacks or other necessities you may need during your visit (i.e., extra diapers, formula, etc.).

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:

- Names and addresses of all doctors, dentist(s) and therapist(s) involved in your child's care
- Any recent speech therapy notes, evaluation reports, and your child's IEP
- Medical insurance information and cards

LOCATION

Our clinic is located on the first floor of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Outpatient Care Center at 555 South 18th Street. A visitors' parking garage is next to this building. We are in Suite 1-C (next to the Urgent Care).

