First Patient Visit(s)
- **Pediatrician**: health status, other abnormalities, breathing, feeding, growth assessments
- **Social Work**
- **Nurse**: Feeding, lip taping, follow up weight checks (phone check in)

Presurgical NAM
- **Orthodontist**: Impression for NAM
- **NAM appliance delivered**
- **Weekly visits**
- **Nurse**: feeding visits x 1st 2 NAM visits w/ appliance
- **Nurse/MA**: phone check ins
- **Dietitian**: if not gaining weight
- **OT/PT**: if feeding difficulties
- **Plastic Surgeon**: assess surgical readiness
- **Social work**: if needed
- **Pediatrician**: if needed
- **Audiologist**: if referred newborn hearing screen or if risk factors (example: family history of hearing loss)

No Presurgical NAM
- **Nurse**: visits to assist in feeding if needed, Nursing/MA
- **Phone check ins**
- **Nurse**: visit at 6-8 weeks of age if cleft palate
- **Dietitian**: evaluation if not gaining weight
- **OT/PT**: if feeding difficulties
- **If performing lip taping or other non-NAM molding, assess progress**
- **Social work**: if needed
- **Pediatrician**: if medical evaluation, subspecialty coordination needed
- **Audiologist**: if referred newborn hearing screen or if risk factors (example: family history of hearing loss)

Surgical plan is activated when pre-op checklist is complete

Pre-Operative Scheduling by Plastic Surgery Coordinator:
- Plan PASS Clinic
- OR and Admission
- Follow-up visits

Pre-Operative Visit
- **Plastic Surgeon**: surgical consent
- **Social Work**
- **Nurse**: Pre-Op Education
- **Pediatrician**: if medical clearance is required
- **Photographer**: Pre-operative photos
Cleft Lip v.1: Intra-Operative

**PHASE 2**

**Inclusion Criteria**
- Patients with unrepaired cleft lip (with or without cleft palate) referred to Craniofacial Center

**Exclusion Criteria**
- Patients with previous cleft lip repair
- Patients with cleft palate only

**Routine OR Care**
- PACU Nurse: Check in
- Plastic Surgeon/Resident: Surgical check in
- Anesthesiologist: Check in

**OR Plan:**

**Anesthesia OR Plan:**
- Oral intubation with cuffed straight tube secured to midline of chin
- Pre-operative cefazolin (or alternate antibiotic if allergic) with re-dosing Q3 hours
- Opioids as needed
- 1 dose of IV Ketaorolac 0.5mg/kg at end of case

**Surgeon OR Plan:**
- Infraorbital nerve block at beginning of case
- Throat pack
- Nasal stents as needed
- Augmentation of infraorbital nerve block at end of case
- Vaseline/antibiotic ointment applied to lip

**Plastic Surgeon:** Meets with family in surgical center

**Recovery Room (PACU)**
- PACU Nurse: Call surgical center when patient is ready for parent
- Parent: Early reunification and feeding in PACU
- Anesthesiologist: No scheduled opioid medication orders

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Inpatient Nursing:
- Lip Cleaning
- Moist Q-tips
- Vaseline

Nasal Stent flushes
- Pain Management
- Feeding

Discharge Readiness Assessed by Inpatient Nursing/Surgical Team:
- Taking feeds by mouth and able to support hydration/nutrition at home
- Pain well controlled with minimal or no opioid medication
- Parents comfortable with lip cleaning and stent care
- Post operative surgical follow up in place

Post op Clinic 1 Week Follow up:
- ARNP/Plastic Surgeon: Suture removal
- Photographer: Post operative images
- Nurse: Nasal stent exchange as planned

Post-Op Clinic 4-8 weeks Follow up:
- Plastic Surgeon: Follow up
- If 7-8 months of age, include Pediatrician, Audiology, Speech Pathology and Otolaryngology if cleft of secondary palate
Objective
The primary objectives of the cleft lip pathway are 1) to improve the quality, efficiency and safety of care for children with cleft lip and 2) to improve communication about cleft lip care among team members and with families. We will achieve these objectives through development of an algorithm, pathway and standard ordering processes agreed upon by the craniofacial multidisciplinary team. This project focuses on care of the infant or child with an unrepaird cleft lip (with or without cleft palate) from 1st contact with the craniofacial center through post-operative care after lip surgery. Additionally, through the CSW process, we have worked towards early feeding and parent reunification in the PACU after cleft lip repair. Our goal is to have 80% of children with unrepaird cleft lip on the pathway.

Recommendations
1. Infants undergoing primary cleft lip repair will be reunited with parents and offered early feeding in the PACU
2. Ibuprofen can be used safely for pain control in healthy infants and children older than 6 months of age who have normal renal and liver function.
3. There is not enough evidence on the safety or efficacy of ibuprofen in infants under 6 months of age to make a recommendation for or against use of ibuprofen in this age group (see clinical considerations).
4. A single IV ketorolac dose can safely be used in infants 2-6 months of age (see Seattle Children’s Formulary).
5. Use of intraorbital nerve blocks intra-operatively during cleft lip repair is recommended.
6. Intraorbital nerve blocks can be used intraoperatively for cleft lip repair and do not appear to substantially impact or delay oral feeding post-operatively.
7. Complications following cleft lip repair, while uncommon, are more likely to occur in children with underlying or pre-existing medical conditions and co-morbidities.
8. Monitoring for post-operative complications after cleft lip surgery is necessary to optimize patient safety and health and inform safe discharge practices.
9. We recommend early return to oral feeding after cleft lip repair, and will plan to monitor the effects on post-operative status and care.
10. There are risks associated with Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM) that should be discussed when introducing the therapy.
11. For children undergoing NAM, routine re-assessment in NAM clinic is recommended.
12. Quality data is needed to inform best practices in nasal stenting.

Rationale
- Safety/Quality of care will be improved by ensuring patient readiness for surgery, optimizing pain management, and standardizing aspects of post-operative care via a pathway, checklists, and tracking complications.
- Delivery of care will be improved by reducing length of PACU admission, ensuring readiness for discharge, and avoiding re-admissions/unplanned return visits
- Engagement is grounded in the fact that the pathway has been developed by a multidisciplinary team of MDs and RNs from the OR, PACU, ambulatory and inpatient units.
Executive Summary

We were benefited by having members of the pharmacy, PACU nursing, ward nursing, anesthesiology, mid-level provider staff, surgical staff, and CIS governors included on our team.

- **Patient/Family Satisfaction** will be addressed by implementing clinical standard work that will assure the highest quality of care.

**Evidence**
There were 24 papers included in the development of this pathway along with detailed discussions and consensus among providers in the various areas of treatment.

**Implementation Items**
- CIS power plan
- CIS Safety Checklists
- Cleft Lip Pathway Algorithm
- Process to allow early reunification with parents and feeding in the PACU
- Parent experience questionnaire
- Training – PACU Presentation completed by Dr. Raymond Tse for Cleft Lip Education

**Metrics Plan**
- Count of Inpatient/observation discharges
- Median Length of Stay
- Duration of stay in PACU
- Power plan compliance
- Average charges per case
- Readmission or Return to ER and Reason
- % of eligible patients with the checklist activated
- Opiates given Post cleft lip repair
- Antibiotics prescribed after cleft lip surgery discharge (>3 days post discharge)
- Audit Reports–Pathway Care Progression/Surgical readiness and Checklists

**PDCA Plan**
The CSW owner and committee will follow metrics, continue to review medical literature and make improvements to the pathway as needed.

**Revision History**
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Next Review Date: June 2017
Executive Summary

Approved by the CSW Cleft Lip Pathway Team on June 2014

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Return to Home
Candidates for Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM)

• Unilateral or bilateral complete cleft lip and palate
• Any cleft with significant nasal deformity

Reassess NAM if:

• Poor feeding
• Poor weight gain
• Respiratory issues or obstructive sleep
Cleft Lip Anesthesia Guidelines

- **Primary** repair around 3-6 months (can be older if adopted from overseas)
- The aim is for a quick wake up with reduced pain and little agitation with quick feeding
- Intubation can be difficult if patient has associated cleft palate +/- syndrome
- **Straight Cuffed ETT** placed in center of mouth and directed towards feet. Taped in midline onto chin. Watch for kinking and depth of ETT. Straight connector and rolled towel under circuit to support it.
- Infraorbital block/infiltration – by attending surgeon at beginning with local.
  - Mix 50:50 0.5% Lidocaine + 0.25% Bupivacaine = maximum dose 1ml/kg (total for whole case)
  - If case >2 hours then re-dose infraorbital block at the end of case with 50:50 mix not to exceed max dose calculated at beginning of case = 1mg/ml
- Intraoperative opioids - Please inform surgeon of type and total amount of OR narcotic given.
- Cephalizin 20mg/kg or equivalent for allergy as intraoperative antibiotic.
- Ketolorac 0.5mg/kg at end of case – please ask surgeon if OK
- Ondansetron (in older infants) if indicated.
- Extubate awake
- Propofol 0.5-1mg/kg at end of case for sevoflurane agitation
- Early feeding and maternal holding of the child. Aiming for fast discharge to floor.
- Swaddling in OR/PACU, instead of arm restraints
- Smaller **post op** doses of PRN narcotic and early transition to oral meds
- Oral ibuprofen if > 6 months post op
- **No PR acetaminophen** due to concerns for total dose. Oral acetaminophen in PACU if not contraindicated which will then be scheduled regularly on floor

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We used the GRADE method of rating evidence quality. Evidence is first assessed as to whether it is from randomized trial, or observational studies. The rating is then adjusted in the following manner:

Quality ratings are *downgraded* if studies:
• Have serious limitations
• Have inconsistent results
• If evidence does not directly address clinical questions
• If estimates are imprecise OR
• If it is felt that there is substantial publication bias

Quality ratings can be *upgraded* if it is felt that:
• The effect size is large
• If studies are designed in a way that confounding would likely underreport the magnitude of the effect OR
• If a dose-response gradient is evident

**Quality of Evidence:**
- ★★★★★ High quality
- ★★★★ Moderate quality
- ★★★☆ Low quality
- ★★☆☆ Very low quality
- ★☆☆☆☆ Very low quality

Expert Opinion (E)

Summary of Version Changes

- **Version 1 (6/18/2014):** Go live
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Studies were identified by searching electronic databases using search strategies developed and executed by a medical librarian. Two searches were executed. The scout search focusing on cleft lip was performed on July 16th and 17th, 2013 in the following databases: on the Ovid platform – Medline (1946 to date), Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (2005 – June 2011); elsewhere – Embase, National Guidelines Clearinghouse, Clinical Evidence, and TRIP. Retrieval was limited to literature from 1993-forward and children 0-18. Two secondary searches were preformed on December 9th, 2013 and January 23rd, 2014 respectively. For this search the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials was included along with Medline and Embase. The search focused on clinical questions specific to feeding, complications and pain management. Limits of English language and infants or children under 12 were used depending on the question. Additional articles were identified and added by the team throughout the process.

In Medline, appropriate Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) were used, along with text words, and the search strategy was adapted for other databases using their controlled vocabularies, where available, along with text words. Owners assisted with identifying appropriate MeSH. Search publication limits of consensus development, guidelines, meta-analyses, practice guidelines, controlled clinical trial, randomized controlled trial, multicenter studies, overall, technical report, and systematic reviews were used. Additional MeSH publication headings of critical pathways, clinical protocols, guidelines as topic, and practice guidelines as topic were also included. The use of clinical queries therapy, prognosis, & causation (all balanced) filters, EBMR Reviews, and the command exp epidemiologic studies were also included. Systematic reviews as a title word rounded out the publications search.

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**Identification**

- 192 records identified through database searching
- 15 additional records identified through other sources

**Screening**

- 206 records after duplicates removed

**Eligibility**

- 206 records screened
- 154 records excluded

- 52 full-text articles assessed for eligibility
- 28 full-text articles excluded, 20 did not answer clinical question, 8 did not meet quality threshold

**Included**

- 24 studies included in pathway

Flow diagram adapted from Moher D et al. BMJ 2009;339:bmj.b2535


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Example:

Return to Home