



Cleft Lip and Palate: Current Treatment and Future Options

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Dear Colleagues,

Orofacial clefts are estimated to affect 1 in every 700 live births on average, with significant global variations in incidence and prevalence. Evolution in the treatment of cleft lips and/or palates has resulted in improved functional and aesthetic outcomes for affected patients. Nevertheless, it is well established that patients who do not receive appropriate or timely cleft care are at significantly increased risk for lifelong morbidity and sequelae resulting from the condition. With improved understanding of surgical anatomy, perioperative factors impacting patient outcomes, the importance of multidisciplinary treatment and access to care, cleft surgery education, and surgical technological advancements, the field is currently poised to refine and further optimize care for patients affected with clefts of the lip and/or palate more than ever. In this Special Issue, we welcome authors to submit manuscripts that address the current treatment of clefts of the lip and/or palate, as well as future directions in the field.

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