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**The Difference a Craniofacial**  
**Care Team Can Make**

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# Welcome and Introductions



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# Presentation



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# How the Comprehensive Care Team Concept Evolved



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## Why does my child need to be cared for by a “team”??

- It is not just about having “a surgery”
- Cleft and craniofacial conditions are complex – requiring the services of multiple clinicians
- There may be other needs/challenges – breathing, hearing, vision, nutrition, dental health, psychosocial issues



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## Why does my child need to be cared for by a “team”?? (Cont.)



- Management of the child with a cleft/craniofacial condition often requires treatment throughout their childhood/adolescence
- The team approach to care is efficient
- Parental/family involvement is an important part of the team concept
- It is a journey...



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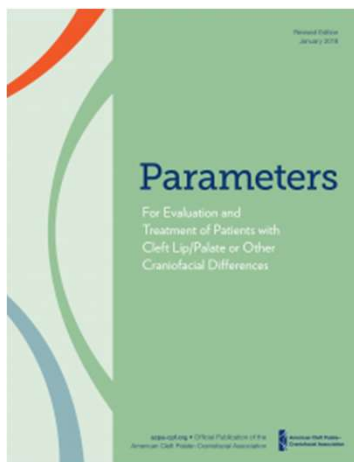
## American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association

- A professional organization – dedicated to supporting the comprehensive care of patients/families
- Members are from all specialties, nationally/internationally
- A major goal – to provide education/resources to both clinicians and patients/families
- **“The Parameters for Evaluation and Treatment of Patients with Cleft Lip/Palate or Other Craniofacial Differences was published in 1993 and last updated in 2018.**
- [www.acpa-cpf.org](http://www.acpa-cpf.org)



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## Parameters for Evaluation/Treatment



### Fundamental Principles:

- “Management of patients with craniofacial differences is best provided by an interdisciplinary team of specialists.”
- “Optimal care for patients with craniofacial differences is provided by teams that see sufficient numbers of patients each year to maintain clinical expertise in diagnosis and treatment.”



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## Cleft Lip/Palate Team

- Plastic Surgeon
- Orthodontist
- Speech Pathologist
- Audiologist
- Geneticist
- Medical Photographer
- Nutritionist
- Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeon
- Otolaryngologist
- Pediatric Dentist
- Pediatrician
- Psychologist
- Prosthodontist
- RN/Nurse Practitioner
- Social Worker
- Team Coordinator



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## Craniofacial Team

- Plastic Surgeon
- Neurosurgeon
- Orthodontist
- Audiologist
- Geneticist
- Medical Photographer
- Nutritionist
- Ophthalmologist
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## How Do I Start to Find The Right Cleft/Craniofacial Team?

- Referrals from Pediatrician, Ob/Gyn, Geneticist
- Personal Referrals – Friends/Family Members/Co-workers
- American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association ([acpa-cpf.org](http://acpa-cpf.org)) – Team Membership Directory
- Visit myFace [www.myface.org/craniofacial-care-teams/](http://www.myface.org/craniofacial-care-teams/)
- Internet Groups – who are they recommending in your area? A few warnings...



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## Questions – Make a List Before Meeting the Team

- Do you have separate cleft and craniofacial teams?
- How long has your team been together?
- How often do your teams meet?
- Who are the members of your team?

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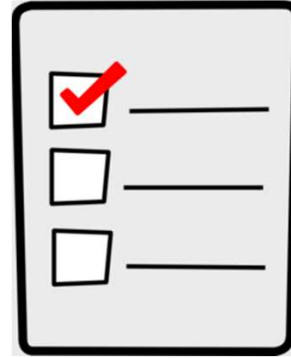


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## Questions – Make a List Before Meeting the Team (Cont.)

- Which team members will be present at the meeting?
- Are all team members located in the same physical space?
- Does your team participate in our insurance?
- Is your team listed in the ACPA Membership Directory?



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## Questions to Ask During the Team Meeting



- Can you explain what the treatment might involve over the years? How many surgeries might s/he possibly need?
- How many patients with our child's condition do you care for every year? The first operation sets the course...
- May we see pre and postoperative photos of other children with this condition who your team has cared for?



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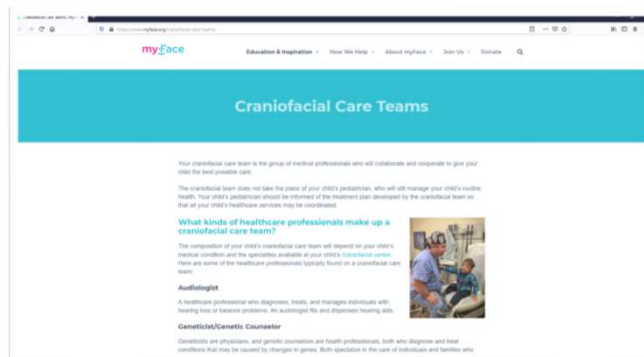
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- May we speak with other parents whose child has the same condition?
- Has your team published about the work that you have done with children with our child's condition? If so, could you give us some of the references?
- Does your team have a support group?



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For more information on craniofacial care teams visit [www.myface.org/craniofacial-care-teams/](http://www.myface.org/craniofacial-care-teams/)

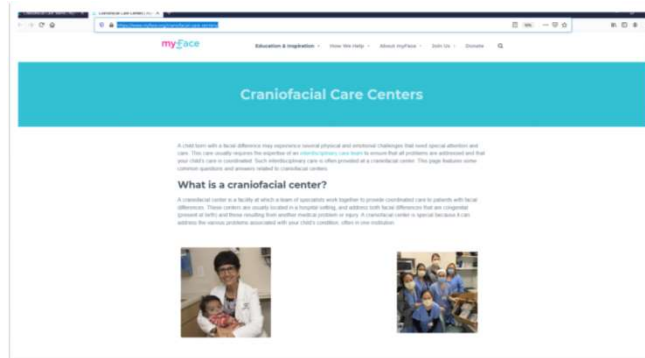


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## Question & Answer



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# Closing Remarks



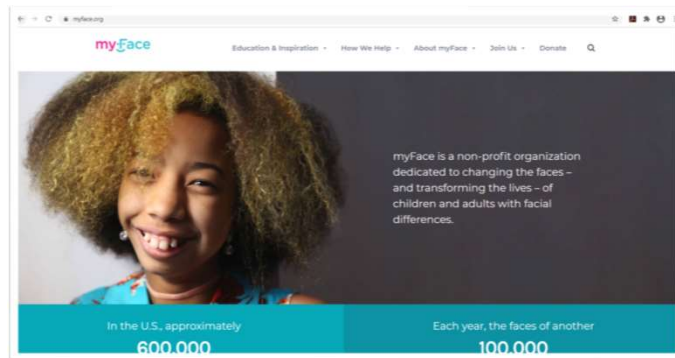
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