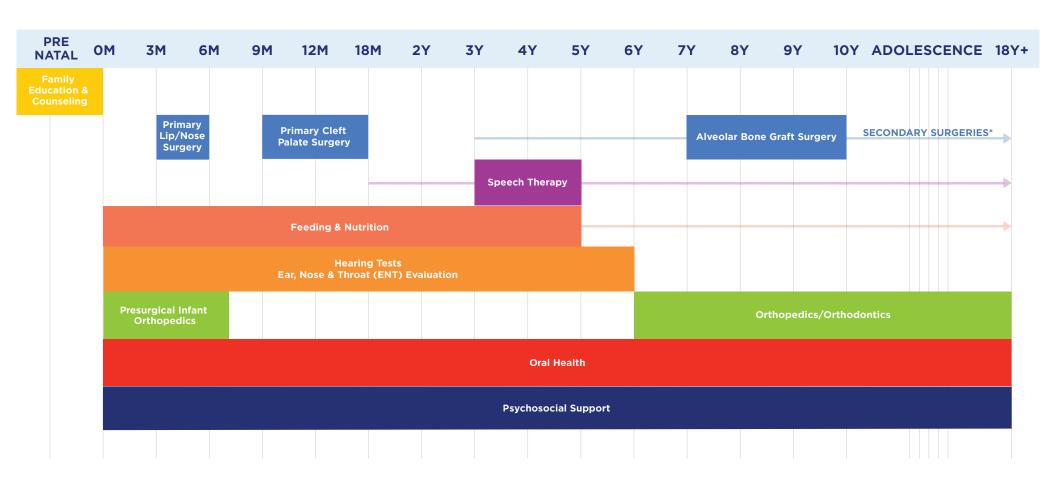


Understanding Clefts

COMPREHENSIVE CLEFT CARE RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

Counseling

& Support



*Secondary surgeries such as Fistula Surgery, Lip/Nose Revision Surgery, Orthognathic Surgery, and/or Velopharyngeal Dysfunction (VPD) Surgery may be recommended by your multidisciplinary cleft treatment team. The necessity and timing of these secondary surgeries should be discussed with your cleft team.

Feeding & Nutrition

ENT & Audiology

Orthodontics

NOTE: Patients should attend regular medical visits with their cleft team in addition to discipline-specific assessments and treatments.

Speech Services

The goal of this timeline is to provide education around target time frames for cleft-related assessments and treatments. While these time frames are typical, patients require individualized care and timelines or interventions may be adjusted to ensure optimal outcomes. For this reason, all patients should be regularly monitored by a multidisciplinary cleft team through age 18 and beyond. Please note that all assessments and treatments may not be covered by Smile Train funding. For more information, visit **smiletrain.org**.