Each year, approximately 1 in 750 children is born with a cleft lip or palate which can have an impact on a child's speech, dental health, hearing, educational advancement and swallowing. The mission of the Regional Craniofacial Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is to provide quality specialized team care to children and adolescents with clefts and other congenital and/or acquired craniofacial anomalies. At St. Joseph's Regional Craniofacial Center, a premier multidisciplinary team of pediatric specialists provides consultation, diagnosis and treatment for patients with craniofacial disorders as well as education and support for their family members.

An on-site 24-hour consultation service is available for newborns with craniofacial, cleft, velopharyngeal, and feeding problems. A staff member will travel to the referring facility or to the newborn within hours of initial contact. Through an outreach program, parents of children whose craniofacial anomalies were treated at the Center are matched with parents of children born with similar conditions. This allows parents to share their experiences. An on-call beeper system enables parents and referral sources to reach specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The beeper number is 201.655.3895.

Our Team... Your Team

Craniofacial deformities are particularly difficult because of their immediate impact on function, appearance and parent-child bonding. Finding the right clinicians and getting them to speak with each other. Team care is recognized as the standard for affected children and adults. A cleft palate/craniofacial team is a committed group of specialists who use open communication and their shared experience to make treatment timely, efficient and as comfortable as it can be. Each clinician has a role to play, but the major benefits of team care are realized when we all work together.

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