

Cleft World an Enigma

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World of Cleft deformities is still a mystery, left with so many unanswered questions.

Starting from why the deformity occurs? whether anything can be done to prevent it?

Or for that matter regarding the consensus with treatment plan.

We still don't know why a partial cleft happens or why a complete cleft or why sometimes a unilateral and in some bilateral cleft. Or there may be sometimes only a cleft lip or only a cleft palate and some cases both.

So, there are more Why's and How's still left unanswered in the cleft world. In this issue lets focus on the diversity of cleft palate!!

Here are some of the diversity of the cleft palates that you routinely come across; it could be a wide cleft, narrow cleft, asymmetric length one.

Or sometimes the palate might look intact, but the child's speech might not be good as in case of a submucous clefts.



Length of soft palate varies just like the width of the clefts; even the quality and quantity of the muscle varies in each cleft palate.

So, are we justified in following the same technique of palatoplasty in all types of clefts or do we need to modify??

Of course, speech is another enigma in cleft palate children I will leave it for the readers to think it over.

Let's hope and pray for the day where we have more answers in the beautiful and mysterious world of clefts.

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