

46. Presurgical nasoalveolar moulding in clp patients

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The cleft lip– cleft palate deformity presents many challenges to the surgeon, both functional and aesthetic. Cleft surgeons are constantly evaluating and modifying their techniques to achieve better results both in the short and long term. Many different techniques for primary repair, as well as adjuncts to primary repair, have been developed to this end, often modifying and building upon earlier successes. In the evolution of presurgical orthopedic techniques, nasoalveolar molding is a relatively recent modification that attempts to address the nasal deformity in addition to passively molding the alveolar segments. This case report discusses the partial management of a newborn with cleft lip and palate with the help of nasoalveolar moulding (pnam) to reduce the size of the cleft present between the palatine shelves.

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