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Cleft Lip and Palate Patient: New Challenges in Diagnosis and Treatment

Message from the Guest Editor

Cleft lips and palates are congenital defects, and the incidence rates differ between populations. Apart from important aesthetic alterations, cleft patients also encounter speech, eating, breathing, gesture, and dental occlusion problems and several psychosocial disorders, such as anxiety, depression, and self-esteem problems. When addressing these problems, it is important to account for disabilities because they affect patients' quality of life and social integration. This approach requires a multidisciplinary team composed of different specialists, including maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, and psychologists, among others. The early treatment of the cleft defects in the first weeks of life is decisive for patients' progress. Various surgical approaches have been performed over the years, and their results are now being evaluated using 3D imaging. In this Special Issue, we invite authors to submit papers on the clinical advances of cleft lip and palate diagnoses and treatments using new technologies.

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