

On the day of your appointment

You can expect to be offered an appointment in the spring or fall of the year your child is due for follow up. You will be at the Clinic for a full morning. Each professional on the team will do a check-up assessment and provide recommendations for your child. At the end of the morning, the whole team will meet with you for a wrap-up of the recommendations given.

You will receive a printed summary of the recommendations in the mail following the Clinic, and we will provide it to your child's doctor and other local health care providers (e.g., your local orthodontist, your local pediatrician). Follow up care is done by these local health care providers.

Contact Us

For further information please contact:

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Area served

The Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic is located in Kelowna and welcomes families from throughout the Interior of BC.



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Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic



What is the Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic?

The Cleft Lip & Palate Clinic assists families of children and youth with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate living in the Interior of B.C. Our team helps to coordinate assessments, treatments, and monitoring that may be needed from birth to age 19.

The Clinic Team consists of a Plastic Surgeon, Pediatrician, ENT/Otolaryngologist, Audiologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, Pediatric Dentist, Orthodontist, and Dental Hygienist.



How does it work?

Your first visit to the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic occurs when your child is 18 to 24 months of age.

Prior to this time the Clinic Coordinator can assist to ensure you are in contact with the local providers you require. Early contact with our team is encouraged, so that families have access to accurate information and can have their questions answered.

Children are followed by our team until they are 19 years of age, or until they no longer require follow up. The frequency of visits depends on each child's needs, but is usually once every 1, 2 or 3 years.

This service is covered by your BC health insurance and there is no cost paid by you.

Important to note

This service does not replace local health care providers involved in your child's cleft care. Instead, it provides a regular 'one stop' check-up with health care professionals specializing in cleft care. They will advise you, and your local providers, on the next steps for your child's care.

