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What to consider when choosing your comprehensive craniofacial care team

A child born with a facial difference may experience several physical and emotional challenges that need special attention and care. This care usually requires the expertise of an interdisciplinary care team to ensure that all problems are addressed and that your child's care is coordinated. Such interdisciplinary care is often provided at a craniofacial center. Here are common questions to ask as you consider your craniofacial team.

Questions before meeting with potential teams

1. Who are the members of your team?
2. Which team members will be present at the meeting?
3. Has your team met the standard for approval of Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Teams based on the parameters of care established by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association?
(Visit myface.org/craniofacial care centers to look up this most recent information.)
4. Does your team participate in our insurance plan?
5. How long has your team been working together?
6. Are all team members located in the same physical locations?
7. How often does your team meet?
8. Do you have separate Cleft and Craniofacial teams?

Questions to ask during your initial meeting

1. How many patients with our child's condition do you care for every year?
2. May we speak with other parents whose child has the exact same condition?
3. May we see pre- and post-operational photos of other children with this condition that your team has cared for?
4. Has your team published about the work that you have done with children with our child's condition? If so, can you give us some references?