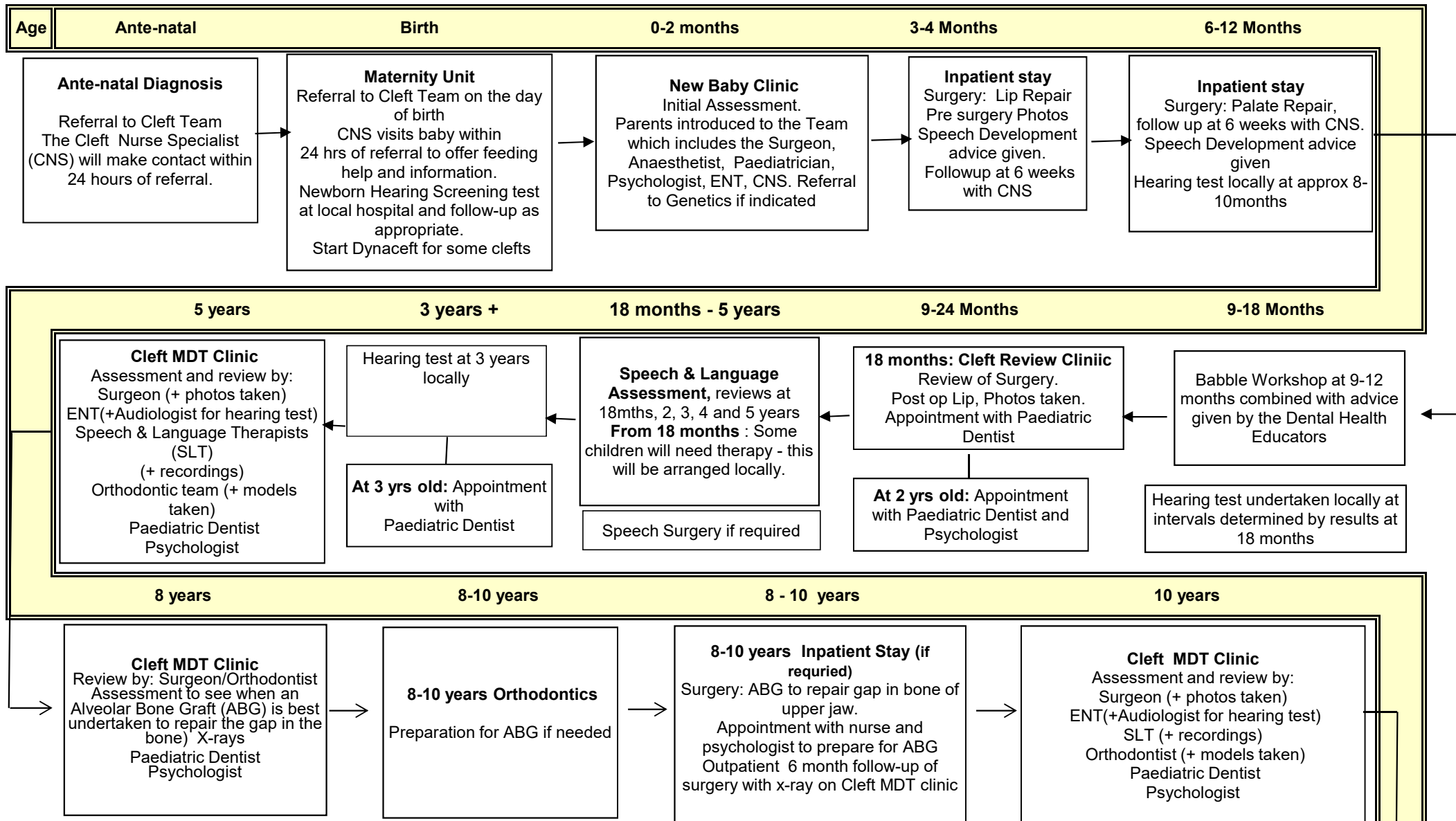
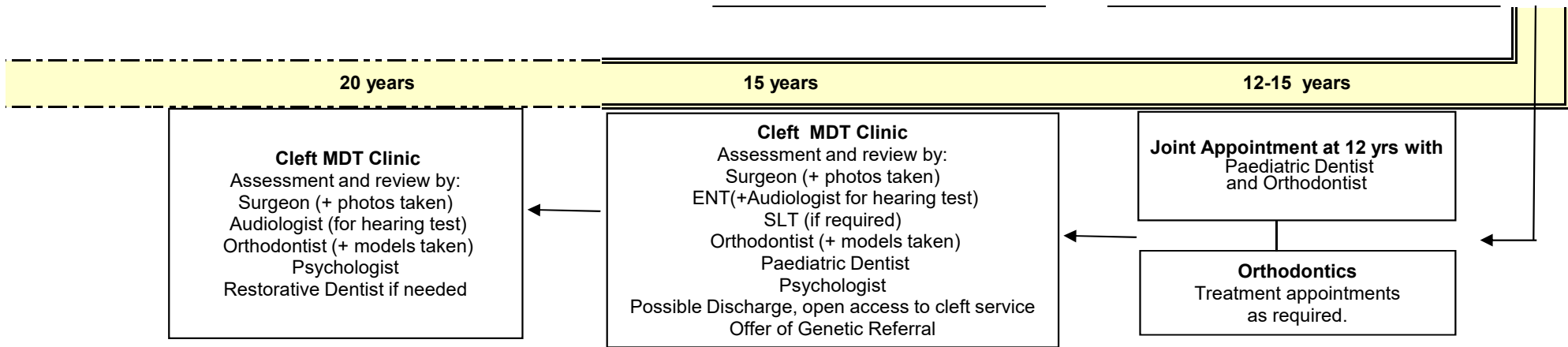


Welsh Centre for Cleft Lip and Palate, Morriston Hospital, Swansea

Typical Patient Journey for a child with a Bilateral Cleft Lip and Palate (BCLP)





It is very important to recognise that **every child is an individual** and will follow their own **unique journey**. This is a guide, and **all dates are approximate**.

At any stage, please feel free to ask the Cleft Team "where have we got to?" or "what happens next?".

Additional Notes

About Inpatient stays: All inpatient stays will normally be in Morriston Hospital. You can expect to see the surgeon before and after the operation. The speech and language therapist and the cleft nurse specialist will visit you on the ward as well.

MDT = Multi-Disciplinary Team
CNS = Cleft Nurse Specialist
SLT = Speech and Language Therapy

Alveolus / Alveolar = the bone around the teeth

Other Surgery: Some children may require other operations during their patient journey. These might include an operation to improve speech, to improve the appearance of the lip or nose. These options will be discussed with you should the need arise.

About Bone Grafts (ABG) and Osteotomies: Most children with BCLP are recommended to have an alveolar bone graft. A smaller number of people, surgery to correct the position of the jaw or jaws will be discussed. This is called Orthognathic Surgery.

Hearing Assessments: In addition to the hearing assessments indicated above, further assessments will be carried out at intervals as appropriate throughout childhood.

Speech and Language Therapy: In addition to the speech assessments indicated above, further assessments may be carried out and/or your child may be referred to Speech and Language Therapy at any time.

Psychology: The Cleft Team Psychologist can be contacted at any other time during the patient journey to discuss any worries or concerns.

Cleft Nurse Specialist: Will support the family through regular contact in the early years.

Cleft Coordinator: Can be contacted on **01792 703810** (answering machine for outside normal working hours)

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