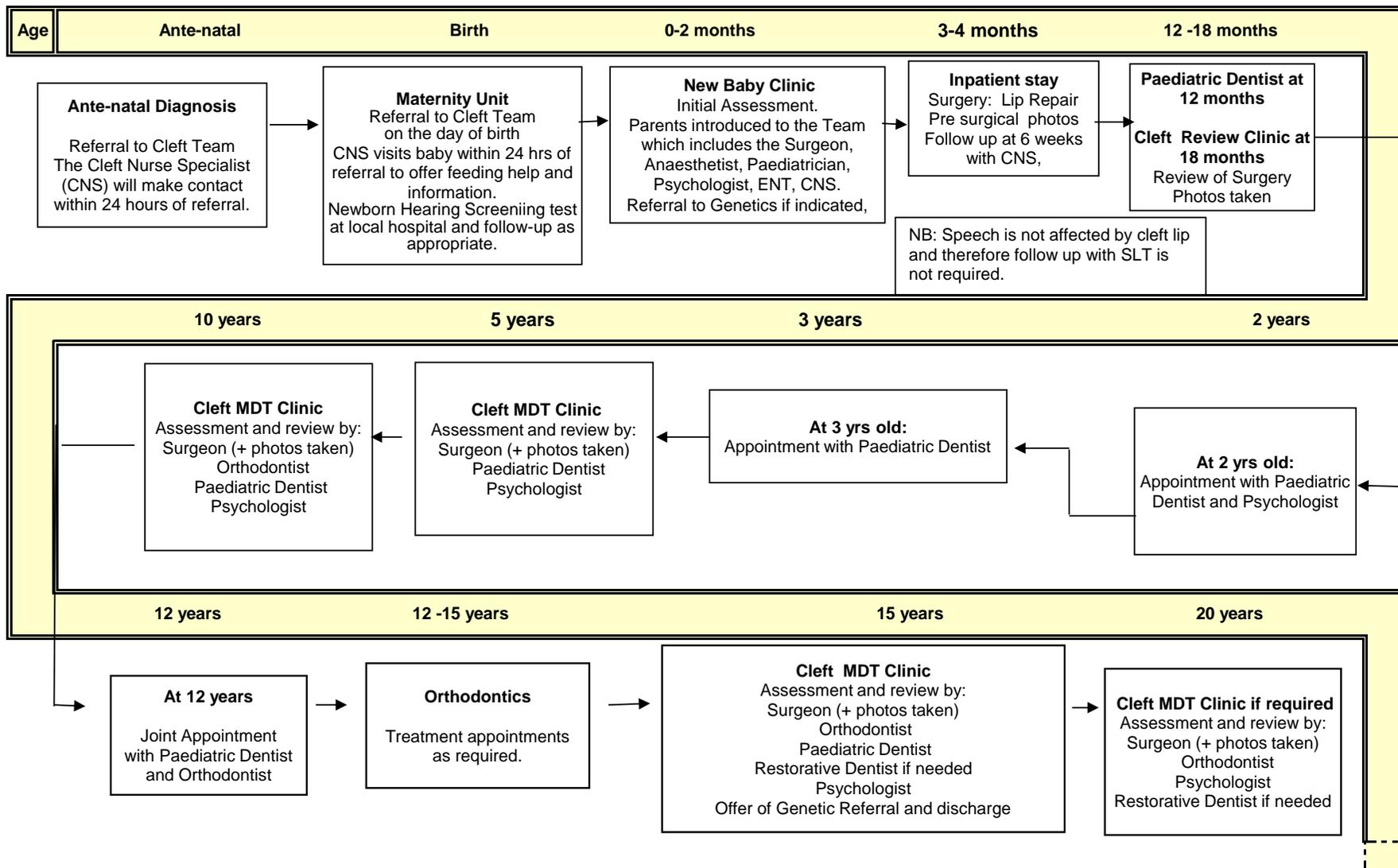


WELSH CENTRE FOR CLEFT LIP AND PALATE, MORRISTON HOSPITAL

Typical Patient Journey for a Child with a Cleft Lip (CL)



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?".

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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

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.

Osteotomies:

For a small number of people, surgery may be needed to correct the position of the jaw - this will be discussed around 15 years of age. This is called Orthognathic Surgery.

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 Co-Ordinator: Can be contacted on **01792 703810** (answering machine for outside normal working hours).

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