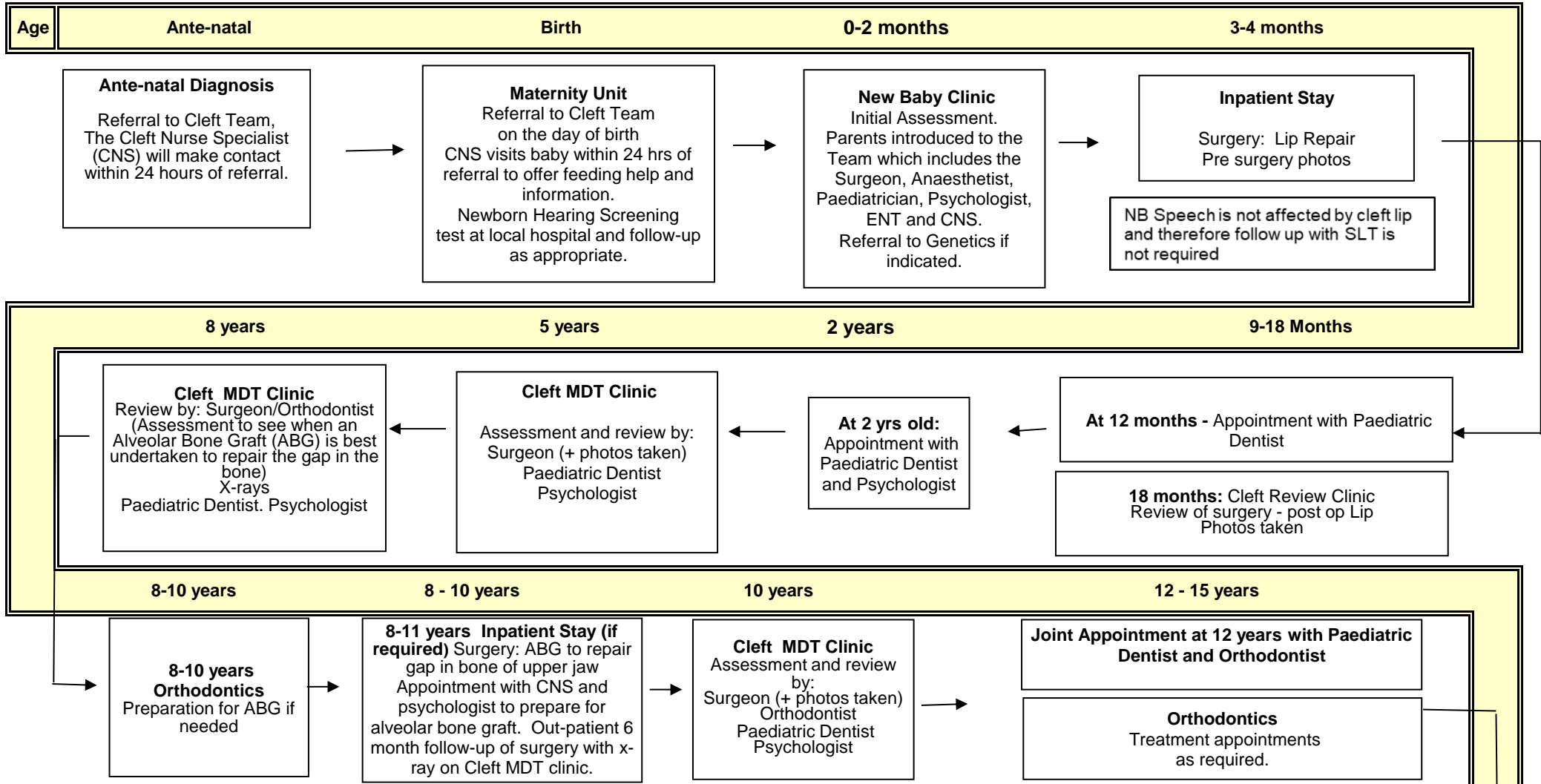
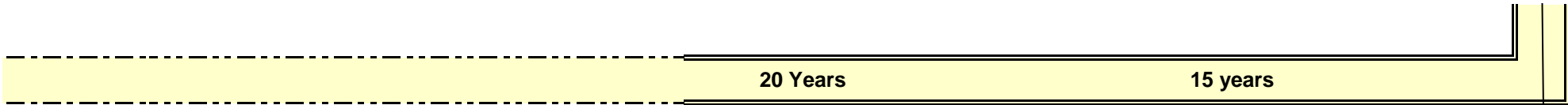


# WELSH CENTRE FOR CLEFT LIP AND PALATE, MORRISTON HOSPITAL, SWANSEA

## Typical Patient Journey for a Child with a Cleft Lip and Alveolus (CLA)





**Cleft MDT Clinic**  
 Assessment and review by:  
 Surgeon (+ photos taken)  
 Orthodontist  
 Psychologist  
 Restorative Dentist if needed

**Cleft MDT Clinic**  
 Assessment and review by:  
 Surgeon (+ photos taken)  
 Orthodontist  
 Paediatric Dentist  
 Psychologist  
 Restorative Dentist if needed  
 Possible Discharge, open access to Cleft Service  
 Offer of Genetic Referral

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 Specialist Nurse will visit you on the ward  
**MDT = Multi-Disciplinary Team**  
**CNS = Cleft Nurse Specialist**  
**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 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 Cleft Lip and Alveolus are recommended to have an Alveolar Bone Graft, A much smaller number are recommended later to have an Osteotomy to correct the position of the jaw or jaws. 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).  
**The Welsh Centre for Cleft Lip and Palate Web Site:** <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/hospitals/a-z-hospital-services/cleft-team/>  
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