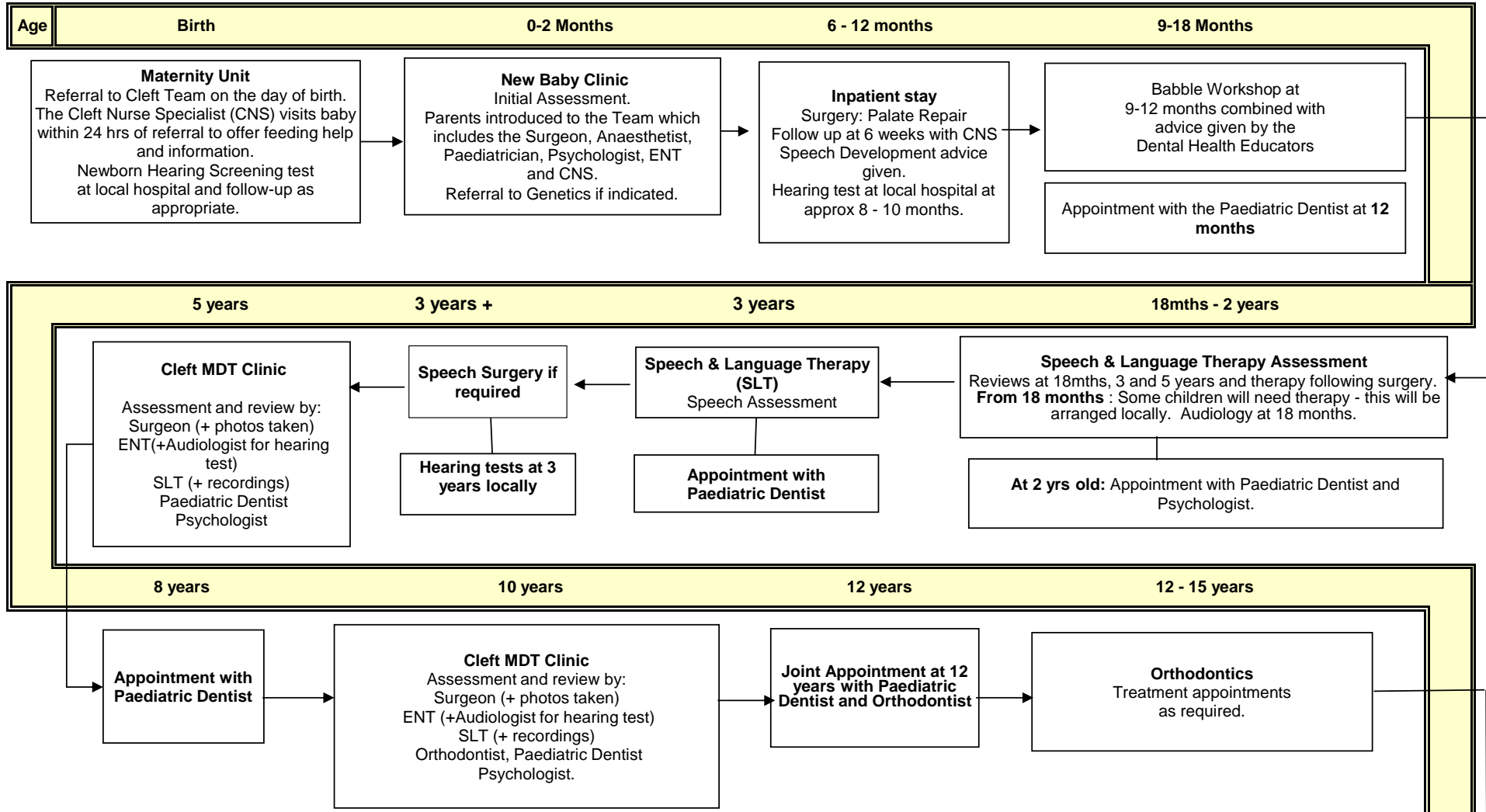
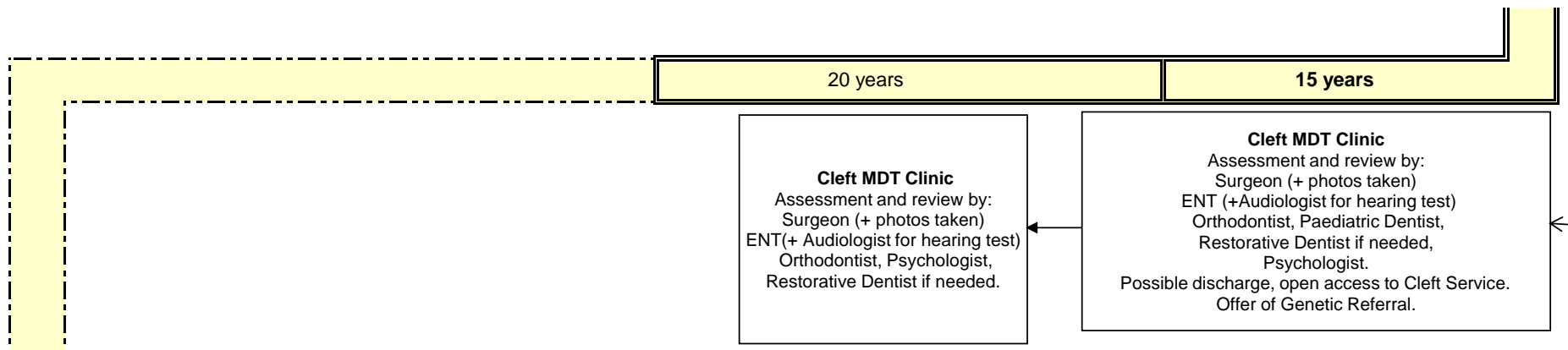


Typical Patient Journey for a child born with a **Cleft Palate**





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: 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 Specialist Nurse will visit you on the ward as well.

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

Speech surgery: Some children with Cleft Palate may require other operations during their patient journey. These might include an operation to improve speech. These options will be discussed with you should the need arise.

Osteotomies: Children with a Cleft Palate will occasionally need an Osteotomy to correct the position of the jaw or jaws. 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 Therapy at any time. Occasionally treatment is carried out together with the Restorative Dentist (for example, when a Speech Appliance is required).

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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