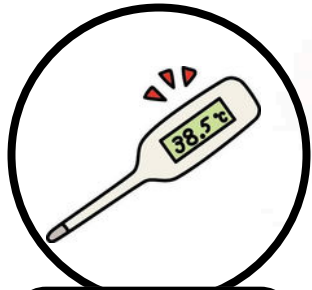
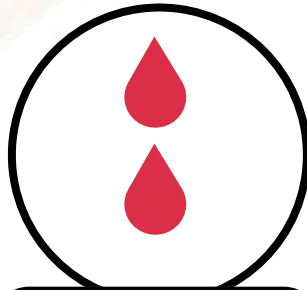


SEEKING HELP

If the child exhibits any of the following within the next 7 days:



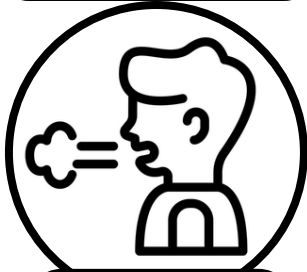
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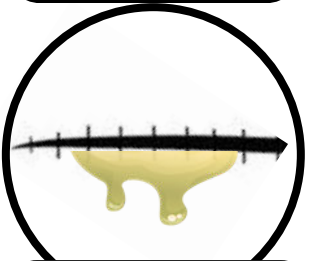
Bleeding (>5 mins)



Lack of appetite



Bad breath



Pus at surgery site



A lot of vomiting



A lot of diarrhea



Changes in urine
(amount or colour)

GLOBAL SMILE FOUNDATION

POST-SURGERY CARE FOR CLEFT LIP

Name of Patient: _____

Allergies: _____

QR Code to GSF Linktree
with Example Care Videos



ORAL CARE

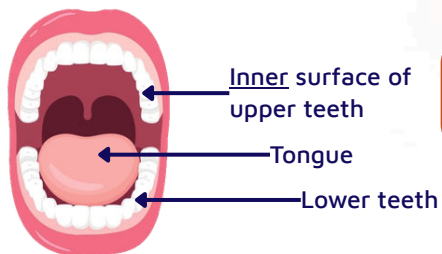
****Do not disrupt surgical site****

IF NO TEETH PRESENT:

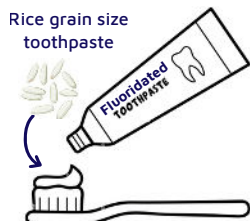
Wipe tongue with Chlorhexidine or bottle water-soaked sterile gauze 2-3 times a day

IF TEETH PRESENT:

AFTER 24 HOURS, GENTLE BRUSH:



Gentle wiping of outer surface of upper teeth with a cotton swab or a sponge with Chlorhexidine



RESUME FULL BRUSHING IN 7-10 DAYS

with clearance from surgeon

- Brush 2x a day
- **Do not** feed baby after brushing at night

FEEDING

DAY OF SURGERY:

- Feed alfalyte or pedialyte using a syringe
- If tolerating, start formula with a syringe or breastfeeding from breast



FOR 2 WEEKS:



IMPORTANT:

- Only use syringe, a slightly inclined and soft tip spoon, or specialty bottle provided by GSF for **3 weeks**
- Rinse child's mouth with bottled water after each meal
- No solids, hard or crunchy foods for 6 weeks
- Must keep child hydrated, even if in pain



WOUND CARE

AFTER EVERY FEED:

Clean wound (nose and lips) with bottled water and 2x2 gauze



IMPORTANT:

- Do NOT use topical antibiotics on clean Dermabond area for **1 week unless crusting**.
- No pacifiers and child cannot suck on anything for **3 weeks**
- Do NOT expose to sun for 4 weeks
 - **After 4 weeks**, apply sunscreen on lip 30 minutes before going out



6 WEEKS:

In **6 weeks**, begin circular massages on scar of lip 4 times a day for 2-6 months (using scar gel if provided)

WHEN CRUSTING BEGINS:

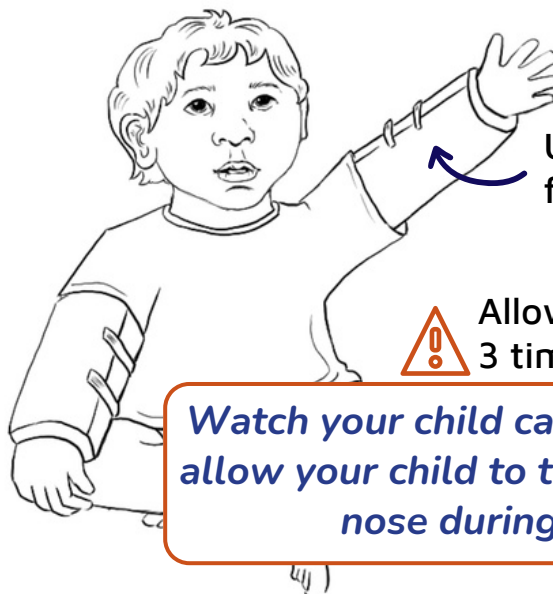
- Apply topical antibiotic **3-4 times a day** to crusty lip and nostril area
- Use ointment until crusting falls off
- If NO CRUSTING: start ointment **1 week** after surgery



HANDS

2 WEEKS:

Do not let child touch mouth or nose for **2 weeks**



Use braced immobilizers for most of day and night



Allow child to move arms 3 times a day for 10 minutes

Watch your child carefully and do not allow your child to touch the mouth or nose during this time