

Referral Guide

Craniofacial Services



When to Refer

Conditions Best Seen as Soon as Possible:

Early referral to our Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery team for certain conditions is crucial for optimal outcomes in physical appearance and functional ability.

- Abnormal head shape: determines therapeutic intervention
- Cleft lip and palate: helps feeding strategies and surgical planning
- Craniosynostosis: can prevent potential neurodevelopmental issues
- Ear anomalies: helps plan hearing assessments and reconstruction
- Facial asymmetry or deformities: helps planning corrective procedures
- Vascular anomalies: determines accurate diagnosis and management

Conditions Best Seen Close to 1 Year of Age:

We recommend deferring elective surgical procedures until after 1 year of age to avoid early general anesthesia exposure. We see consults at any age.

- Benign skin lesions
- Capillary malformations / port wine stains
- Dermoid cysts (unless causing functional concern)
- Scar revision
- Syndactyly
- Trigger thumb

Conditions Best Seen in Adolescence

- Gynecomastia
- Macromastia (breast reduction)
- Poland syndrome

Our Expertise

Our multidisciplinary team includes:

- Board-certified craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgeons
- Neurosurgeons
- Dentists, orthodontists, and oral surgeon
- Speech-language pathologists
- Pediatric advanced practice nurse practitioners
- Audiologists
- Otolaryngologists
- Dieticians
- Social Workers

This comprehensive team approach ensures that each child receives individualized care tailored to their unique needs.

Diagnostic and Treatment Modalities

Utilizing state-of-the-art technology and techniques, our services encompass:

- Comprehensive evaluations
- Advanced imaging studies
- Surgical interventions
- Speech and feeding therapy
- Orthodontic and dental care
- Ongoing developmental assessments
- Cranial remolding helmets

Our goal is to minimize the need for surgery while maximizing outcomes, ensuring each child achieves their fullest potential.



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Conditions We Treat

We provide specialized care for various craniofacial conditions, including:

- Birthmarks and vascular anomalies including nevi
- Cleft lip and palate
- Clefts involving the face and eyes
- Craniofacial anomalies associated with congenital syndromes, including 22q11.2 deletion, Apert, Pfeiffer, or Treacher-Collins
- Craniosynostosis
- Deformational plagiocephaly
- Ear anomalies including microtia
- Facial asymmetry or differences including hemifacial microsomia
- Facial injuries and trauma
- Hand differences and abnormalities
- Jaw abnormalities (micrognathia, Pierre Robin, retrognathia)

Signs and Symptoms

Early referral is crucial for optimal outcomes. Watch for these signs and symptoms:

- Feeding difficulties
- Breathing problems
- Speech impairments
- Visible facial deformities
- Developmental delays related to craniofacial structure

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After Your Patient's Appointment

You will receive consultation notes and diagnostic test results promptly to keep you informed about your patient's care. Our clinical team is also available for peer-to-peer discussions and ongoing coordination of specialty care with primary care providers.

Questions?

The Gillette provider relations team is here to support you and your staff with referral questions and to ensure a seamless experience. We welcome your feedback—please share any suggestions or concerns.

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