

Referral Criteria – Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial Team

Ambulatory Care

The Cleft Lip and Palate (CLP)/Craniofacial Team serves children and youth with communication difficulties and psychosocial/emotional challenges related to cleft lip and palate/craniofacial anomalies. Speech-Language Pathologists and Social Workers provide consultation, assessment, intervention and follow-up services.

In addition to onsite outpatient care, annual clinics are held in northern Ontario locations. The Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Team acts as a resource to community professionals and works closely with the cleft lip/palate and craniofacial programs at SickKids regarding clinical care and educational programs for clients and families.

In order to be eligible for this service a **Physician/Specialist** preferred **referral is required** and the client must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Live in Ontario without access to services through a local CLP team.
- Is under the age of 19 (at the time of referral)
- Has a diagnosis of cleft lip and palate, craniofacial anomaly or velopharyngeal dysfunction

**** The client/family must be aware of the referral***