

## AGE 0-6 Months

- Feeding evaluation
- Support for feeding difficulties (if any)
- Sound development occurs (babbling & cooing)

## 6 months - 2 years

- Cleft repair at 8-18 months
- Speech evaluation done every 4-6 months after surgery
- Speech & Language Evaluation at 18 months
  - Oral-motor assessment to check the structures of the mouth & throat
  - Airflow through nose during speech (nasal sounds) checked
  - Resonance (quality of sound) checked
  - Language development checked (quantity not quality)
- Therapy begins 2-4 weeks after surgery (if needed)

## 3 + years

- Speech & Language Evaluation done
- Continued Screening of:
  - Articulation
  - Resonance (Clarity of speech)
  - Language development
- Continued therapy for articulation problems (if needed)
- Continued therapy for language problems (if needed)

## 3 to 5 years

- Continued screening and assessment of speech and language of the child
- Check speech production and if it is clear or not (nasal speech)
- Continued assessment articulation (forming and producing speech sounds correctly)
- Continued Assessment for language disorders
- Continued therapy for articulation problems (if needed)
- Continued therapy for language problems (if needed)