

Cleft lip and **cleft palate**, also known as orofacial cleft, is a group of conditions that includes cleft lip, cleft palate, and both together.

A cleft lip contains an opening in the upper lip that may extend into the nose.

The opening may be on one side, both sides, or in the middle.

A cleft palate occurs when the roof of the mouth contains an opening into the nose.

These disorders can result in feeding problems, speech problems, hearing problems, and frequent ear infections.[1] Less than half the time the condition is associated with other disorders.

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