

Anterior **plagiocephaly** is a premature closing of unilateral coronal suture. This premature suture fusion causes a series of cranial asymmetry and alteration of the fronto-orbital region. The authors described a new surgical technique to correct the facial asymmetry that reduces the operative time and the possible complications. In a period between 2013 and 2016, 12 children affected by nonsyndromic anterior plagiocephaly were treated with this new procedure. Clinical, cranial development, and absence of postoperative complication demonstrated that one-wing surgical bone correction is a useful and innovative technique <sup>1)</sup>.

Categorization of frontal **plagiocephaly** as synostotic or deformational was reliably made by physical examination, focusing on the **supraorbital rims**, nasal root, ears, and malar eminences. Other anatomic parameters useful in the differential diagnosis included chin point, palpebral fissures, and facial height. This study documented that birth histories were similar for synostotic and deformational frontal plagiocephalic infants. However, other deformational anomalies were more common in deformational frontal plagiocephalic infants, whereas malformations had an equal incidence in deformational and synostotic frontal plagiocephalic infants. Torticollis was an associated finding in 64 percent of infants with deformational frontal plagiocephaly; almost all were ipsilateral. In contrast, head tilt, usually to the contralateral side, was noted in 14 percent of patients with synostotic frontal plagiocephaly. Female preponderance was noted in both synostotic (79 percent) and deformational (76 percent) frontal plagiocephaly. Left-sided involvement was seen in 73 percent of patients with deformational frontal plagiocephaly and in 46 percent of patients with synostotic frontal plagiocephaly. Premature pelvic descent, in the left occipital anterior position, may account for the high incidence of left-sided deformational plagiocephaly and ipsilateral torticollis <sup>2)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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