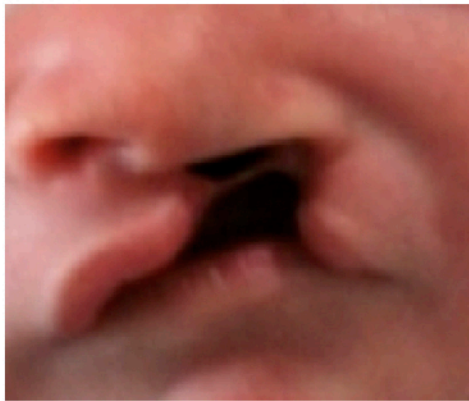
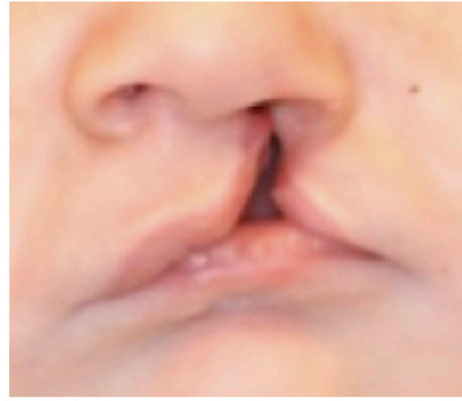


Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM) Treatment : Infant molding prior to primary surgical repair of cleft lip/palate



1 week of age



6 weeks progress



8 weeks progress



16 weeks progress

The goals of NAM therapy are to reduce the size of the cleft and improve nasal symmetry prior to the initial surgical repair. Stretching the nasal lining provides the surgeon with more tissue for the repair and helps to improve soft tissue nasal esthetics. Note how collapsed the patient's left nasal cartilage appears at birth. Following NAM, the nose is more symmetrical.



NAM appliance in place : with nasal stent



NAM appliance : prior to nasal stent addition