Cleft lip and / or palate is one of the most common congenital defects

( CR 1 in 500 newborns) with significant involvement of genetic component in the etiology.

They represent a serious disability face the consequences of aesthetic, functional and psychological.

Anomalous growth and development of the facial skeleton causes the development of jaw and dental disorders.

Orthodontic therapy , sometimes combined with Maxillofacial orthopedic lasts into adulthood and often ends prosthetic dořešením . Severe dysfunction is a speech disorder requiring intensive speech therapy and speech therapy . Comprehensive treatment of clefts is therefore necessarily

multidisciplinary, long-term and costly, which also participates in programs focusing on prevention (genetics, teratology, epidemiology) and Research " ( Šmahel et al . , 2000).

An important role is played by the analysis of origin of morphological changes; the extent of the affected

Primary growth insufficiency tissues, to what extent are the result of surgical procedures and when it is a result of the effect of altered functional relations. The findings are then confronted with the knowledge of the etiology and mechanisms of defects (Tomanová, 1993).

Anthropometric monitoring could also contribute to the estimation of genetic predispositions for the formation of cleft . Significant impairment of basic structures palatogeneze at parents risk fetuses may in fact indicate a higher susceptibility to external factors disability ( Jelinek et al. , 1983). The same is also important to monitor the presence of microforms ( tj.minimální Expression defects ) associated characters and atypia ( Šmahel , 1974).