

TREATMENT STAGES AND APPROACHES IN A LARGE BRAZILIAN CRANIOFACIAL CENTER

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PURPOSE: The aim to verify the situation of treatment of patients with cleft pre-foramen, according to the treatment stages and approaches adopted by a large craniofacial center in this area. **METHODS:** The study was descriptive and documental. The universe was made up of patients with bilateral complete or incomplete pre-foramen cleft in treatment, residents in the city where the Hospital is located. **RESULTS:** Among 53 patients enrolled, it was identified 24 patients in treatment. Among them 71% were enrolled, right after birth. Patients belong to low social class (67%) and have incomplete unilateral cleft (88%). It was found changes in the Protocol of the Hospital, besides the patients having started the treatment in ideal age. Among the 24 patients 75% are in dental treatment and 50% are waiting a re-evaluation in plastic surgery area for conduct definition. **CONCLUSIONS:** We know that the treatment discharge time is a painful process for both, patients and the institution but, in spite of this situation, a team was set up to propose measures that allow hospital discharge according to treatment stages and approaches adopted for rehabilitation process effectiveness.