



Cleft Director

Vikash K. Modi, MD, is the Co-Director of the Pediatric Craniofacial Team and Director of the Velopharyngeal Center. He is the Chief of

Pediatric Otolaryngology and an Associate Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Modi is a board-certified Pediatric Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck Surgeon and has a particular expertise in cleft palate and velopharyngeal dysfunction. He has performed over 150 cleft palate repairs and has a less than a 3% fistula rate, which one of the lowest in the world. He has been selected as a "Top Doctor in America" by Castle Connolly, "Best Doctor" in New York Family Magazine, and as "Best Doctor" in New York Magazine.



Neurosurgical Director

Caitlin Hoffman, MD, is an award-winning neurosurgeon who specializes in pediatric neurosurgery as well as in adult and pediatric epilepsy surgery.

She has completed fellowship training in pediatric neurosurgery with a focus on surgical epilepsy and craniofacial disorders. Her clinical research focuses on advancement of minimally invasive approaches toward epilepsy treatment and genomic factors associated with outcome in craniosynostosis. Her academic focus is in surgical and health care disparities with current research focusing on the impact of longitudinal mentorship for under-represented minority pipeline students. She also has a significant interest in global neurosurgery and is co-chair for an international summit on the state and future of global neurosurgery initiatives and is involved in the department's Tanzania mission to provide training and surgical presence.



Our goal is to return patients back to normal activities as soon as possible. That's why we use the most advanced surgical treatments, including the latest minimally invasive surgical techniques. We get children back to the business of being children.

We are affiliated with the Komansky Children's Hospital at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, a top ranked children's hospital in New York City in the US News & World Report Best Children's Hospital Survey.

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Pediatric Cleft and Craniofacial Team

Caring for Children and Young Adults with Complex Face, Skull, and Jaw Conditions



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One in every 200 babies born will require specialized care for congenital disorders including cleft lip, cleft palate and craniosynostosis. Additionally, children with traumatic injury and other diseases will also need advanced reconstructive surgical care.



Treatments Offered

- Advanced genetic testing and counseling
- Box osteotomy
- Comprehensive cleft lip and palate care (surgical correction, nasoalveolar molding, speech and feeding therapy, audiological testing, cleft rhinoplasty, orthodontics, alveolar bone grafting)
- Canthopexy and eyelid surgery
- Cranial vault remodeling
- Custom cranial and orbital implants
- Endoscopic suturectomy
- Extended vertex craniectomy
- Fronto-orbital advancement
- Functional/interceptive orthodontics
- Lefort and Monobloc advancements
- Maxillary/Mandibular advancement & distraction
- Maxillofacial prosthodontics
- Revisional craniofacial surgery
- VPI/VPD Surgery (Furlow palatoplasty, pharyngeal flap, sphincteroplasty, injection pharyngoplasty)

Conditions We Treat

- Cleft Lip and Palate
- 22 q 11 deletion syndromes
- CHARGE syndrome
- Congenital ear anomalies
- Cornelia de Lange syndrome
- Craniosynostosis (Single & Multi-suture)
- Craniosynostosis-related syndromes (Apert, Jackson Weiss, Crouzon, Meunke's)
- Goldenhar syndrome
- Hemifacial microsomia
- Kabuki syndrome
- Pierre Robin Sequence
- Maxillary and mandibular hypoplasia
- Trisomy-related syndromes
- Skeletal dysplasia
- VACTERL/ VATER syndrome
- Van der Woude syndrome
- Velopharyngeal Insufficiency (VPI/VPD)

Coordinated Care

Our multidisciplinary team takes pride in working together to provide comprehensive care tailored to each patient. At Craniofacial Clinic, families will meet with our full team of experts, all in one place. After the visit, a personalized treatment plan is developed, focusing on the unique needs of each patient. Our Clinical Coordinators communicate the Team's recommendations and help families navigate the treatment plan.

Our Pediatric Team

- Pediatric Otolaryngology (ENT)
- Pediatric Neurosurgery
- Pediatric Genetics
- Plastic Surgery
- Pediatric Sleep Medicine
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
- Facial Plastic Surgery
- Oculoplastic Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Pediatric Ophthalmology
- Prosthodontics
- Orthodontics
- Speech Language Pathology
- Feeding Therapy
- Audiology
- Neuropsychology
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Educational Advocate
- Social Work
- Child life

