

What trends and findings are expected?

poor weight gain, falling off growth trends, difficulty feeding, difficulty latching, possible dehydration, dry mucous membranes, depressed fontanel, frequent middle ear infections



What medications and nursing interventions/treatments will you anticipate?

analgesics post surgery, antibiotics to prevent any infection, IV fluids, iron supplements, gavage feedings/feeding tubes, specialty bottles, surgical treatment, maintaining airway



How will you know your patient is improving?

When the patient's latch is improving, less nasal congestion, more efficient sucking and swallowing, ability to gain adequate nutrition, incisions are clean, dry and intact, no redness or swelling, pain controlled, meeting age appropriate growth and developmental expectations.



What are risk factors for the diagnosis?

family history, certain genetic syndromes like Pierre Robin sequence, Van der Woude Syndrome, Smoking or alcohol use during pregnancy, certain medications in first trimester, maternal infections, folate deficiency, diabetes or obesity, and advanced maternal age.

What are the long-term complications?

feeding and nutrition issues, speech and language problems, multiple surgeries, hearing loss and ear problems and dental and orthodontic issues, psychosocial and emotional challenges.

