

## NICU Disease Process Map

DOB= 8/25/2025      APGAR=6

Gestational age at birth= 38 weeks

Gestational age adjusted= 39 weeks

Birth weight= 3670 grams



What is happening in the body?

This happens when the tissues that normally fuse together to form the upper lip and the roof of the mouth do not join properly during early fetal development.

Disease Name: Bilateral cleft lip and palate



What am I going to see during my assessment?

You will see a visible opening in the upper lip and on the roof of the mouth. Nasal deformity. Difficulty feeding/ latching to the bottle or breast. poor/absent suction when trying to feed. noisy breathing. nasal congestion. risk of aspiration. poor weight gain.



What tests and labs will be ordered?

- swallow study/ feeding tests
- severe= XRAY, CT
- CBC, BMP to prepare for surgery