

## Surgeons

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### Description

Our surgical volunteers are highly experienced in comprehensive surgical care in cleft and non-cleft procedures. They are charged with performing a diverse array of surgeries on an aggressive timeline and providing the best possible patient outcome.

### Surgical Volunteer Roles

1. Cleft Surgeons
    - a. Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon
    - b. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon
    - c. Otorhinolaryngologist (Cleft-trained ENT)
    - d. General Surgeon (Cleft-trained)
  2. Non-Cleft Specialty Surgeons
    - a. Microsurgeon
    - b. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon (Bone Grafting, Orthognathic Surgery)
    - c. Craniofacial Surgeon
    - d. Otorhinolaryngologist (General ENT)
    - e. Burn Surgeon
    - f. Pediatric Surgeon
    - g. Orthognathic Surgeon
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### Minimum Qualifications (All Roles)

All surgical applicants must meet the following general requirements:

- Graduate of a university with a medical or dental degree.
  - Completed surgical residency or specialty training as applicable to role.
  - Hold current, unrestricted licensure or certification to practice surgery in home country.
  - Documented current experience in cleft or specialty surgery.
  - Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.
  - Advanced Life Support certification (recommended but not required).
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### Role-Specific Requirements

#### 1. Cleft Surgeons

- Demonstrated cleft surgical experience through professional practice, training, or volunteer work.
- Proficiency in cleft lip and/or palate surgery (primary and revision).

#### 2. Non-Cleft Specialty Surgeons

Each specialty role requires demonstrated training and surgical experience in their respective fields:

- **Microsurgeon:** Fellowship-trained in microsurgery.
- **Craniofacial Surgeon:** Fellowship-trained in craniofacial surgery.
- **OMFS (Bone Grafting/Orthognathic):** Residency-trained and board-eligible or certified.
- **ENT (General):** Residency-trained in otolaryngology.
- **Burn Surgeon:** Surgical training in burns via plastic, general, OMFS, or ENT specialties.
- **Pediatric Surgeon:** Board-eligible or certified.
- **Orthognathic Surgeon:** Documented experience in corrective jaw procedures.

## Application Requirements (All Roles)

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed Operation Smile Volunteer Application.
- Current curriculum vitae (CV) in English detailing education and clinical experience.
- Copies of diplomas, degrees, licenses, and specialty certifications.
- Board certification or eligibility documentation (if applicable).
- Specialty training certificates (e.g. fellowships).
- Background check as required by the Foundation office.