Surgeons

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

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.
- Advanced Life Support certification (recommended but not required).

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.

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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.