Preface

Common Procedures in Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery

We are very excited to aid in the creation of this Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America, which is dedicated to common procedures in cleft and craniofacial surgery. Secondary to our specialties of advanced understanding of facial structures and occlusion, oral maxillofacial surgeons have always been essential in providing care to people with congenital facial deformities during the entire period of modern surgery. However, with the advent of fellowship training specific to this area, more and more oral and maxillofacial surgeons have dedicated themselves specifically to this realm of care. In addition, many maxillofacial surgeons in their communities are routinely on cleft teams, taking care of palatal fistulas, alveolar cleft defects, and severe midface hypoplasia. The purpose of this Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America is to provide the reader with practical knowledge, which is necessary when attempting a repair of one of these common cleft or craniofacial defects.

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