

CLEFT LIP AND CLEFT PALATE

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this disease/condition as required by the specificity needed in ICD-10:

- Clarify when the condition involves both the lip and palate.
- Identify any associated malformation of the nose.
- Specify cleft palate as affecting the soft, hard, or both palates.
 - *Detail when the uvula is involved.*
- Specify cleft lip defects as being bilateral, median or unilateral.