

## **Speech Dysfunctions with the patient with CLP and CP**

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The key problem of the speech development with this specific population is the velopharyngeal function. This will affect the whole speech process involving respiration, phonation, resonance and articulation systems. The key management of the potential dysfunction is the surgery for VPI. With the adequate VP function, the patient will either develop good speech, or speech dysfunctions common in their peer population. Otherwise, they will develop a unique defect speech secondary to the inadequate VP function.