

My Reflection on a Transformative Charitable Cleft Lip and Palate Mission in China

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Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate or Both (CLP)



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- China has one of the highest prevalences of CLP in the world (1)
- Free surgical correction is not funded on the public healthcare system
- Children with CLP face many severe complications
- NHS diagnosis and treatment pathway comparison

Beam International Foundation





Zunyi, China



The Zunyi Mission



Ethical Considerations and Long-term Treatment Advocacy for All CLP Patients in China



Final Thoughts and Reflections

- Excellent structure of mission
- Determination of the team
- Bravery of children – cleft lip repair under only local anaesthetic
- Post-op ward rounds and their highlights



Thank you

Any questions?

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