Measurement of Palpebral Fissures

For Centile Charts, see Smiths Recognisable patterns of human malformations

Measurement of philtrum, and upper lip: - ensure child is looking at you but not smiling

A Smile Can Distort the Lip and Philtrum
It is important that the patient have a relaxed facial expression (no smile, lips gently closed). A smile can alter lip thinness and philtrum smoothness.

This is the same person with and without a smile. Note that without a smile, the lip and philtrum would both receive a correct Likert Rank of #2 on the Caucasian Lip-Philtrum Guide. With a smile, the lip and philtrum would both receive an incorrect Likert Rank of 5

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