

About the Cleft Team

Plastic Surgeons

Glenn Bartlett is a New Zealand trained Plastic Surgeon who graduated from Auckland school of Medicine. Glenn trained in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Middlemore Hospital and Christchurch Hospital continuing his higher training at Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital. Glenn joined the Cleft and Craniofacial team at Middlemore in 2000.

Stanley Loo is a New Zealand trained Plastic Surgeon who graduated from Auckland School of Medicine. Stanley trained in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Middlemore Hospital, Waikato Hospital, and Hutt Hospital, continuing his higher training in Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Stanley joined the Cleft team at Middlemore in 2008.

Zac Moaveni is a New Zealand trained Plastic Surgeon who graduated from the Otago School of Medicine. After completing his advanced plastic surgical training he continued his higher training in Asia, North America and Europe. Zac joined the Cleft and Craniofacial team at Middlemore in 2009.

Jonathan Wheeler is a New Zealand trained Plastic Surgeon. Jonathan left NZ to take up a Fellowship in Cleft Surgery at the Children's Hospital in Brisbane and Toronto, Canada at the Hospital for Sick Children as a Paediatric and Cranio-maxillofacial Fellow. Jonathan joined the Cleft and Craniofacial team at Middlemore in 2010.

Orthodontists

Dan Kennedy graduated from Otago University with his Dental degree. After working in the UK Dan returned to New Zealand to undertake specialty training in Orthodontic, completing a fellowship in cleft and craniofacial orthodontics at Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dan joined the Cleft team at Middlemore in 2015.

Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose, Throat Specialist -ENT)

Your ENT specialists are based at your local hospital, and provide care to ensure healthy ears and good hearing for your child.

Lesley Salkeld is a paediatric otorhinolaryngologist who graduated from University of Auckland, with specialty training in Vancouver, Canada, Boston, Chicago and Pittsburgh. Lesley joined the Cleft team at Middlemore in 1998.

Graeme van der Meer is a paediatric otorhinolaryngologist and completed a fellowship in paediatric ORL at Starship Children's Health. Graeme joined the Cleft team in 2017.

Speech Language Therapists

Our Speech Language Therapists work alongside the surgeons in clinic as well as running their own speech clinics for assessment and therapy. A big part of their job is working with and training community SLTs who are seeing children with a cleft palate for speech therapy in the community.

Maeve Morrison graduated from Manchester University in speech pathology and therapy. Maeve is a lecturer for the Speech therapy university course and is involved in Research with Auckland University. Maeve joined the Cleft team in 1994.

Melanie Street

Mel trained and qualified as a Speech Language Therapist in England in 2001. She worked for the South London regional cleft palate service for many years and completed her post-graduate masters in cleft speech in 2007. Mel moved to NZ in 2008 and spent time working, travelling and setting up her own business before moving to join the cleft team at Middlemore in 2018.

Cleft Clinical Nurse Specialist

Megan Sanders is a New Zealand trained registered nurse specialising in Paediatric and family health. Megan worked in the children's ward at Middlemore Hospital from 1990. Megan has been the Cleft and Craniofacial Clinical Nurse Specialist since 2006.

Clinical Psychologist

Amrita D'Souza is a New Zealand trained health psychologist. She joined the Cleft and Craniofacial team at Middlemore in 2019. Amrita's role involves providing psychology input for children/parents to help them manage psychosocial challenges that could arise on their journey. Common challenges include worry about surgical procedures and social challenges.