



Smiles International Foundation

TecateSmiles Mission Utilization Report 2025

.Partnership Projects of Foundation Academy Dentistry Intl.

- **Number of patients screened for review = 34**
- **Cases Selected for Surgery= 12**
Surgical reconstructive procedures performed= 42 (reason for multiple procedures performed under the same pediatric anesthesia; it was performed this way to make best use of the opportunity for child's overall safety with less exposures to anesthesia throughout care.)
- **Relative value of cases if performed in the USA at hospital setting with specialist anesthesia, surgeons, and nursing facility charges= \$350,000.00 USD**



Mechanism of Patient Notifications: This time there were Telephone connection appointment reminders by Smiles International volunteers on the Wednesday before clinic from the Kumiai Hotel at a business meeting with calls made to patients operated or seen at the last two clinics in November and May of 2024. Additional Radio and television announcements were made by the Rotary Club of Tecate one and two weeks prior to the clinic.

There are still many more cases appearing within and out of the community over in the State of Sonora after the lengthy closure of health care facilities and clinics during the Pandemic, and the Academy of Dentistry International foundation along with Smiles International Foundation projects are now focusing efforts at both the Northern AND Southern end of Baja Mexico. This is still at the heart of the reconstruction of mission health care in the entire peninsula of Baja-Mexico including care for traveling patients from the neighboring Mexican Statehoods of Sonora here in Tecate provided transportation by the orphanage group, Caring Hearts of Mexico by van and by providing the patients a group hotel accommodation since the journey takes a full day's travel by land route.

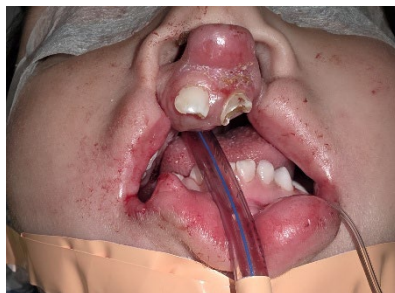
Unfortunately, some of the patients were syndromic and required further growth and development before safely including them into this clinic's capabilities with outpatient care. The ones not selected due to medical and anesthesia concerns were given baby care instructions, feeding bottles, and an appointment for the next clinic in November.



An example of one of our cases is this young child with bilateral cleft lip and palate. Due to distance, parental work commitments and travel difficulties the child just presented now at age 2.5 years. She was examined, treatment planned, and noted to have a condition called, Syngnathia, where her upper and lower jaws are fused by soft tissues. She has been unable to chew for her entire development to date. The anesthesia team was able to safely put her to sleep so we could release the jaws and repair the clefted lip.

Here is an assortment of the clinic photos as the days began with screening and anesthesia health and surgeon procedure

verification through opening surgery, team huddle smiles and waves, and preoperative view of patients with their parents.





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The joint efforts through the Academy of Dentistry International and the Smiles International Foundations, along with Rotary International give hundreds and thousands of children afflicted with facial cleft differences and deformities hope for a more normalized future allowing them to grow and flourish in their communities. Abilities to eat, speak, breathe, hear and SMILE cannot be underestimated in their value to allow integration to their communities for functioning young adult members of their work force.

Here is a short video made by the VP of the S.I.Foundation, Maribel Moses, with an overview of the clinic for use with volunteer families and supporters. This copy provides a download with full image content.

[TecateSmiles Mission example 2025 Video](#)

Best regards in grateful Service,

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