

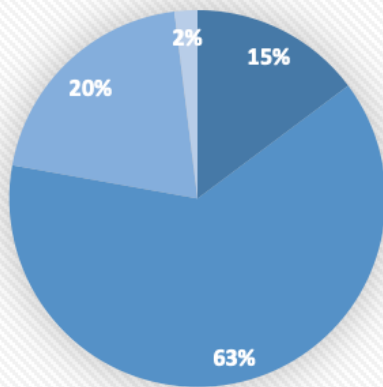


Emory Cleft Project

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Cleft Types of Enrolled Subjects



■ Cleft Lip ■ Cleft Lip and Palate ■ Cleft Palate ■ Other

Recruitment Update:

We have collected over 500 DNA samples from participants, a huge milestone for our project! Genetic studies rely on large sample sizes, so we are still trying to obtain more OFC families and are actively recruiting new participants both remotely (online) and in-person at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. If you know someone who may be interested in participating in our study, please refer them to our study website (emorycleftproject.org).

Study Reminders



If you have not completed your surveys, or if you have not yet returned your samples- it's not too late! If you would still like to participate, please contact us.

Don't forget to send pictures to our secure email for our records

If you have recently changed your home or mailing address, email, or phone number, please provide us with your updated contact information

757

Currently enrolled in our study since enrollment began March 2019

350

Number of online surveys completed so far by our participants

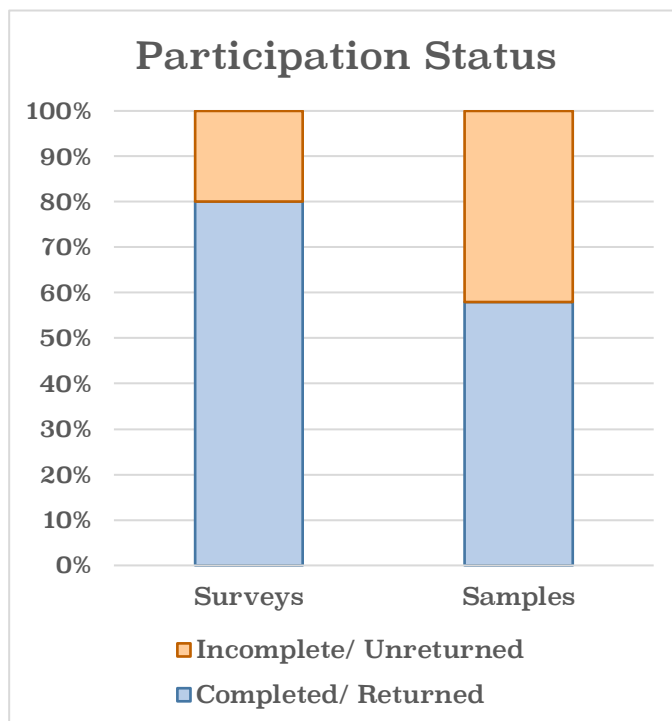
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Genetic samples received from OFC individuals and their families

Special Thanks:

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Emory Cleft Project! Progress on our study was delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite a 3-month suspension of research, shipping delays, and the many challenges facing our OFC families last year, we still recruited over 100 new families in 2020, and collected over 100 new samples from enrolled families! We are blown away by the continued support and engagement of our cleft research community, and are so grateful to all of you for your commitment to our project!

We know that participants are eager to learn about the results of our study. Rest assured that the Project team is hard at work analyzing the survey responses and genetic contributions from our study participants. We will send out research updates as soon as we have them. We appreciate your patience during this most unusual of years!



Publication Update:

The lab of Dr. Elizabeth Leslie currently has three manuscripts getting ready for publication. One manuscript has been accepted for publication in a journal, and the other two are being prepared for submission. Our next newsletter will include information on these upcoming publications.

An important part of the Emory Cleft Project's mission is to provide helpful information to our participating families and the greater OFC community. Please follow us on social media for ongoing study updates!

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