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Children with cleft lip and alveolar involvement will often benefit from orthodontic treatment. Orthodontic treatment is commonly carried out in two phases: 1 Mixed dentition (8–10 years): to prepare the alveolar cleft for ABG (see Alveolar bone grafting ). 2 Permanent dentition (12–18 years): to definitively align the dental arches, aiming for a normal functioning occlusion. This phase of treatment may be linked to preparation for orthognathic surgery (jaw alignment surgery).

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