

# Surgeons

## Description:

Our surgical volunteers are highly experienced in comprehensive surgical care in cleft and non-cleft procedures. They are charged with performing a diverse array of surgeries on an aggressive timeline and provide the best possible patient outcome.

## Qualifications:

To be eligible as a surgical volunteer with Operation Smile, you must fulfill the following criteria:

**Cleft Trained:** Plastic and Reconstructive, Oral & Maxillofacial, Otorhinolaryngologist (ENT), Pediatric

- Have and maintain valid licensure, certification, and/or registration as a Surgeon as recognized by in-country institutional education/training requirements.
- Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support certifications recommended but not required.
- Current cleft experience and professional training. Experience may be from personal professional practice, residency, fellowship, and volunteer/humanitarian work.
- Background check as regulated by foundation office.

**Non-Cleft Trained:** Micro, Oral & Maxillofacial (bone grafting, orthognathic), Craniofacial, Otorhinolaryngologist (ENT), Burn, Pediatric, Orthognathic

- Have and maintain valid licensure, certification, and/or registration as a Surgeon as recognized by in-country institutional education/training requirements.
- Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support certifications recommended but not required.
- Current cleft experience and professional training. Experience may be from personal professional practice, residency, fellowship, and volunteer/humanitarian work.
- Background check as regulated by foundation office.

## Specialty Qualifications:

- Microsurgeon: Fellowship training.
- Craniofacial: Fellowship training.
- Oral & Maxillofacial: Residency training, board eligibility or certification with experience documented in bone grafting and orthognathic surgery.
- Otorhinolaryngologist (ENT): Residency training in head and neck surgery with board eligibility or certification.
- Burn: Residency training in plastic surgery, general surgery, maxillofacial surgery, or otorhinolaryngology with board eligibility or certification.

## Application documents needed:

- Completed Operation Smile Application form.
- Curriculum vitae (resume) detailing current experience, in English.

- Certificates, diplomas and/or degrees in profession, as recognized by country of residence.
- Certificates for specialty and fellowship training.
- Board certification or board eligibility, if applicable in home country.
- Current licensure in profession.