

THE FACE SHEET

Welcome from Our Medical Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that we have changed our name to the ***New Jersey Institute for Craniofacial Surgery*** (NJICS). This accurately reflects our mission, goals and current status as a craniofacial facility.

Mission statement: To maintain a leadership role in the treatment of craniofacial deformities by providing the highest standard of interdisciplinary care, providing educational opportunities and conducting research programs.

Goals: We strive to increase our presence from the current regional area to a statewide scope to insure that New Jersey patients will receive the finest care in the metropolitan area.

As an institute we are dedicated to the care and treatment of patients in cooperation with their families. We are committed to the education of the public and professional communities on the needs and care of persons with craniofacial defects. Our dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and research is a pre-requisite to optimum patient care and the overall well being of this patient population.

Our status as a craniofacial center began in 1951 with our founding as one of the first centers for treating craniofacial deformities in the country. Since then our Center has been the source of many pioneering activities. Some of which are:

- Lip adhesion technique for early treatment of cleft lip
- Promotion of folic acid to reduce the incidence of cleft lip and palate
- Basic research in cartilage grafting providing the basis for many advances including ear reconstruction
- First midface osteotomies in New Jersey for correction of craniofacial deformities
- Design and use of the CASS (craniofacial anatomic surgical simulator) performing accurate simulated surgery and the creation of precision surgical devices on CAT scan generated patient facial skeletons.
- Introduction of the omni vector intraoral maxillary distraction device.



Cyrus J. Amato, DDS

Recently we have expanded our team recruiting some of the best-trained professionals in the country. This new talent along with our experienced staff and the support of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System allows us to maintain our position as one of the premier facilities in the greater metropolitan area.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the talented persons, who preceded us and have helped to make our present status possible. The most meaningful tribute to them and the trust to our future are with the new young members of our team introduced in this issue. As I stand between our history and the future I am optimistic that we will progress and perfect our role in the care and well being of the patients of New Jersey and the greater metropolitan area.

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"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
- The Dalai Lama

Speaker's Bureau Information

The New Jersey Institute for Craniofacial Surgery at Saint Barnabas (NJICS) has established a speaker's bureau.

In order to better fulfill the educational goal of our mission and bring the knowledge and experience of our Center to the professional and public communities, we have organized members of our

team into groups capable of lecturing on the many facets of the care and treatment of patients with craniofacial deformities. The program is tailored to meet the needs of both professional and public audiences.

Topics include:

- Craniofacial deformities overview
- Cleft lip and palate care and treatment
- Craniosynostosis and positional plagiocephaly
- Facial and jaw reconstructive surgery
- Care and feeding for the newborn with a craniofacial defect
- Genetic counseling and

prenatal diagnosis

- Special requests

All topics are prepared for professional or public audiences.

Organizations with an interest in scheduling a conference please contact: Judy Levitan, 973-322-7100 or Randi Schwartz Zalayet, 973-322-6330.



Patrick (left) and Thomas (right) Plaskon.

Carolyn and Michael Plaskon were the proud and happy parents of twin boys on November 13, 2008 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center (SBMC). Thomas and Patrick Plaskon were born prematurely at 30 weeks. Shortly after the births, one of the twins, Thomas was noted to have a significant abnormality of his skull and face. The neonatologist at SBMC consulted Dr. Franklin Desposito, the pediatric geneticist, member of the New Jersey Institute for Craniofacial Surgery at Saint Barnabas. Dr. Desposito diagnosed Thomas with Cruzon's syndrome and referred him for an evaluation by the entire team.

Cruzon's syndrome is a genetic disorder first described in 1912 by Dr. Octave Crouzon, a French surgeon. It is characterized by

craniosynostosis (a restriction in growth of the bones of the skull) and midface hypoplasia (a restriction of growth in the bones of the forehead, eyes, cheeks and upper jaw). These growth restrictions lead to a characteristic facial deformity and may lead to increased pressure surrounding the brain, exophthalmous (bulging eyes), difficulty breathing, developmental delay and significant jaw and dental issues. Care for this syndrome requires an experienced team of physicians, dentists, and surgeons to address the many issues.

Carolyn and Michael met with the team from the New Jersey Institute for Craniofacial Surgery only three days after the twins were born.

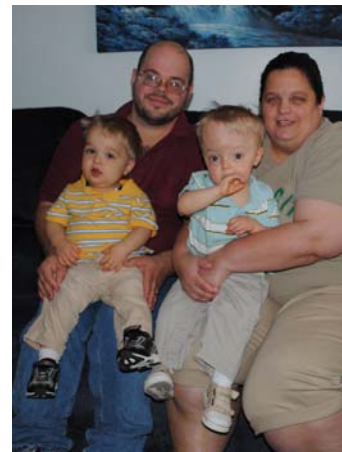
The first surgery for Thomas was performed

to correct the Craniosynostosis by removing the skull bones and repositioning them in order to provide more room for the brain to grow. Dr. Arno Fried, Dr. Frank Ciminello and Dr. John Amato performed this surgery for Thomas in September 2009 and Thomas recovered remarkably well. Thomas will undergo several more surgeries by the team.

"We met with Dr. Ciminello, Dr. Fried and Dr. Amato with our pediatrician Dr. Kintiroglou. They were all very reassuring with my husband and me and they were great with my son," said Carolyn.

The Plaskons are very appreciative of the immediate care and accessibility of the members of the team at that critical time when Patrick and Thomas were

born. They are now looking forward to future care for Thomas by the full team which will include correction of the growth deficiencies of his face and jaw. This will require orthodontics and multiple surgical procedures lasting into his teen years. The family and our team are very optimistic about Thomas's future.



A photo of the Plaskon family
L to R: Patrick, Michael, Thomas and Carolyn

NJICS Helps Plaskon Family

Newest Team Members

The NJICS is proud to announce the addition of two new members to our center.

John P Amato D.D.S., M.D.—Dr. Amato is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon trained in Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Craniofacial Surgery. He is a member of the department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Director of The Amato Center For Facial Surgery in West Orange, NJ.

Dr. Amato is a graduate of Columbia Dental School and Mt. Sinai Medical School.

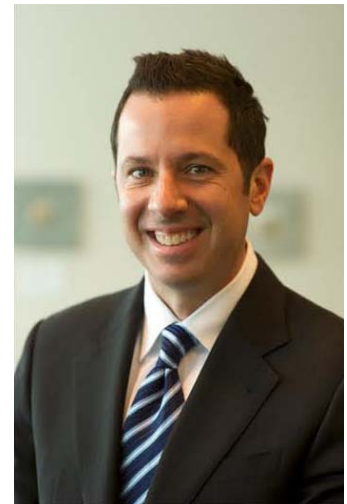
Frank Ciminello M.D.—Dr. Ciminello is a Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon fellowship trained at one of the world's most recognized craniofacial centers. He is Director of Craniofacial Surgery and Pediatric Plastic Surgery at University Hospital of New Jersey Medical School.

Dr. Ciminello is a graduate of New York Medical School.

Both physicians have published articles and sections in text books and lectured on congenital and acquired craniofacial defects including craniosynostosis, Pierre Robin sequence, cleft lip and palate, pediatric facial trauma and craniofacial dysostosis syndromes.



**John P. Amato,
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Bedminster, NJ Site Seeing Initial Evaluations

We are pleased to announce that we are now seeing patients for initial evaluation at our second site in Bedminster. This office location services areas including Bedminster, Peapack, Basking Ridge, Pluckemin, Hillsborough, Gladstone, Bridgewater, Bernardsville and Far Hills. Please call 973 322-7123 to schedule an appointment.

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How to Refer to the Center:

The New Jersey Institute for Craniofacial Surgery is located at the Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center, Suite 221. To refer a patient or to make an appointment call: 973.322.7123.

All new patients are appointed to meet and be examined by our full team. The team also meets and consults with expectant parents who have a prenatal diagnosis indicating their child will be born with a cleft lip/palate or other craniofacial abnormality.

Health care providers may contact Dr. Amato to discuss any aspect of patient care or center procedures.

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