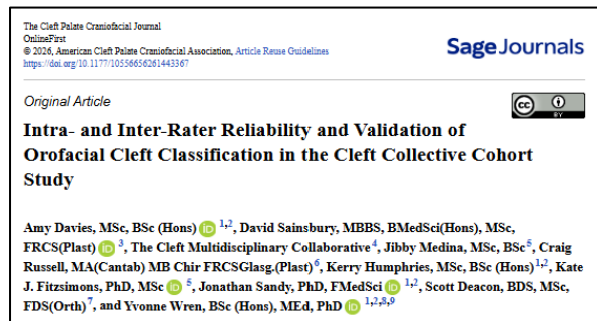


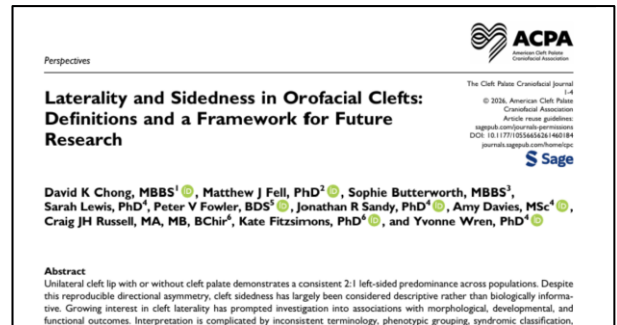
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COLLABORATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

CRANE is delighted to share some recent collaborative publications. Working with Amy Davies and Yvonne Wren (The Cleft Collective), CRANE contributed to the article titled [Intra- and Inter-Rater Reliability and Validation of Orofacial Cleft Classification in the Cleft Collective Cohort Study](#), reinforcing the importance of consistent data recording across UK cleft services.



Following previous collaborations with Cleft Consultant Surgeon Matt Fell and Australian Cleft Surgeon David Chong, CRANE contributed to [Laterality and Sidedness in Orofacial Clefts: Definitions and a Framework for Future Research](#). This article explores cleft laterality and sidedness, offering new frameworks for understanding developmental patterns and their clinical implications.



DATABASE UPDATE & 2026 INDICATORS

- New psychology **CLEFT Q** and **TIM** tabs will go live soon so that scores, obtained at 10 years, can be submitted.
- The number of indicators subject to the outlier policy has been reduced, with approval from CDG. **2026 outlier policy indicators apply to the 5-year old cohort (2017-2019 births) and include:**
 - Consent verification**
 - Dental** data completeness & dmft > 0 only
 - Orthodontic** data completeness & good facial growth
 - Speech** data completeness & speech Standard 1 only
 - Psychology** data completeness & TIM 1+ scores

KEY DATES IN 2026/27

- 18 August:** 2026 Outlier letter notification
 - 4 September:** Deadline for Q1 26/27 Dashboard
 - 23 September:** Deadline for Outlier letter responses
 - 8 December:** Publication of 2026 CRANE Annual report
 - 3 February (tentative):** CRANE Making it Better 2027
- Key CRANE timeline information can be found [here](#).

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CFSGBI 2026

Thank you to the Scotland team for hosting the 2026 CFSGBI conference earlier this year in Glasgow. CRANE gave a number of presentations on both the CEN day and during the main conference.

1. Keynote: Data driven improvements in UK Cleft Care
2. Are current UK cleft speech outcomes experiencing a temporary post covid hangover?
3. Understanding transferred cleft care: Frequency, data completeness, and clinical outcomes
4. Significant regional variation in timely detection of clefts is holding back national improvement
5. Cleft laterality and educational outcomes at age 7 in England: Results from linked national datasets

