

QC offers free cleft surgeries

The children who have undergone the operation will also undergo a speech therapy program

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The **Quezon City government** has started the “Ngiting QC” program providing free cleft lip and palate surgery for residents at the **Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital**.

To avail of the surgery, candidates must first undergo a thorough assessment and medical interview, laboratory tests and swab testing, the cost of which the local government shoulders.

Interested parties may contact the hospital directly at IBP Road in Barangay Batasan Hills every Tuesday or Thursday and look for Arlyn Naval. They may also message the hospital’s Facebook page.

Following the operation, doctors will regularly check on the patients to ensure that the stitches hold and that the wounds are not infected. The children will also undergo a speech therapy program.

The cleft lip and cleft palate deformities among children have often resulted in their being bullied and made fun of in school and when at play.