

Rank 4 and 5 Philtrums



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When is a Philtrum Rank 4 or 5?

The facial phenotype of FAS includes a Rank 4 or 5 philtrum.

Too often, I observe clinician's coding a Rank 3 philtrum as a Rank 4 philtrum.

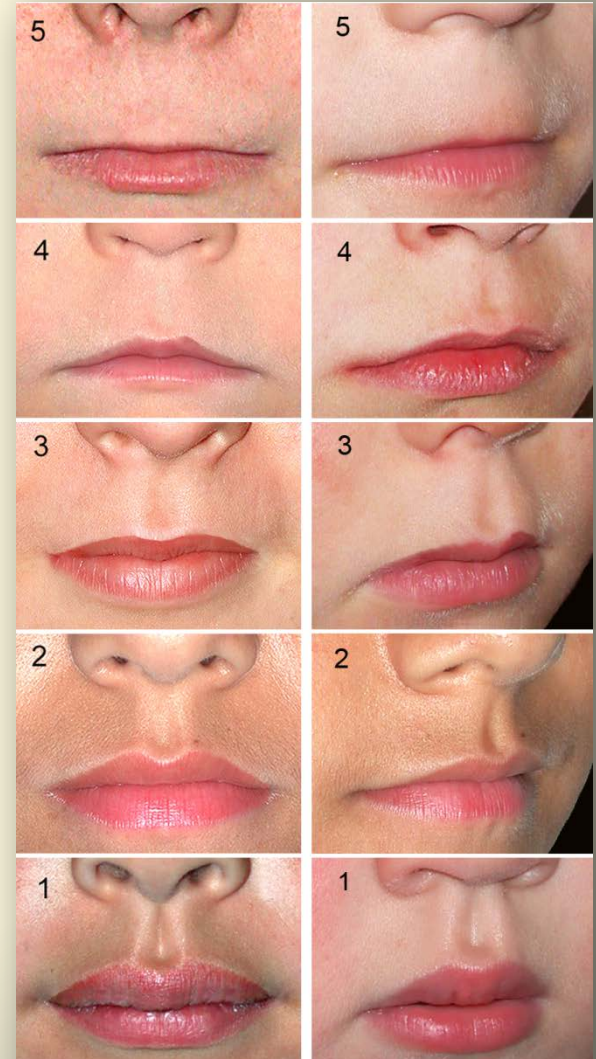
The philtrum is the vertical groove between the nose and upper lip

In the pages below, I have provided detailed descriptions and photographs of Rank 4 and 5 philtrums.

These additional aids should help you:

- differentiate a Rank 4 from a Rank 5,
- differentiate a Rank 3 from a Rank 4.

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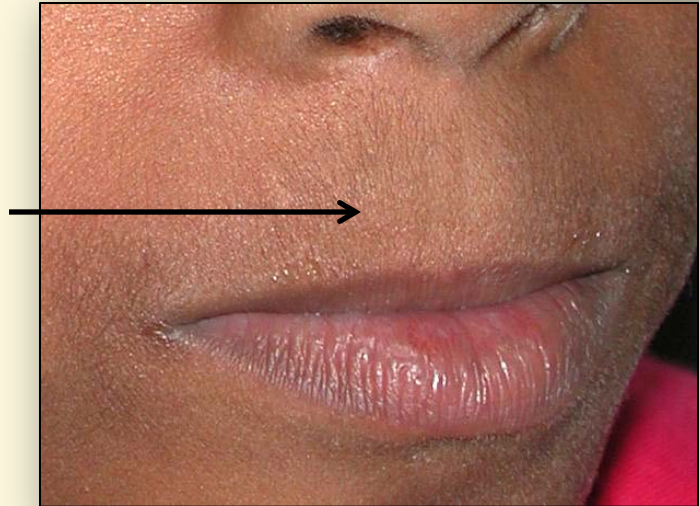


Lip-Philtrum Guide I

Definitions and Pictorial Examples of Rank 5 and Rank 4 Philtrums

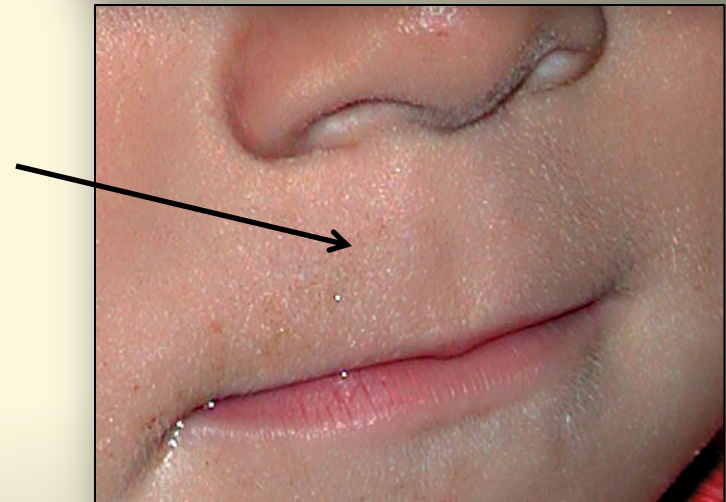
Definition of a Rank 5 Philtrum:

- **Absolutely smooth.** No hint of a philtrum depression, no matter what angle you view it at.



Definition of a Rank 4 Philtrum:

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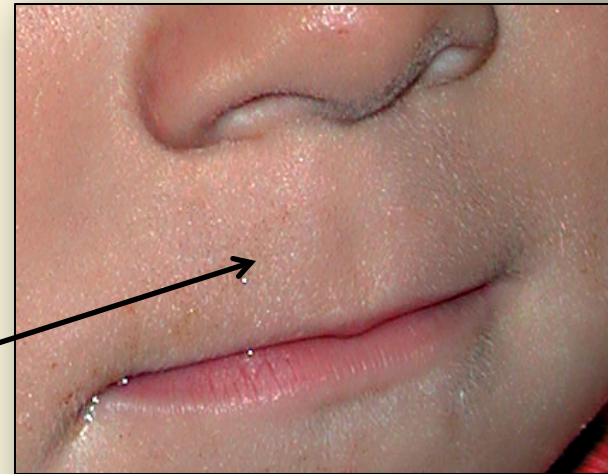
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Angle and Frontal views of Rank 5 and Rank 4 Philtrums

Rank 5



Rank 4



Further examples of angle and frontal views of Rank 4 Philtrums

