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**Defects of the soft palate:**

1. **Cleft soft palate:** commonly the posterior part is defective but may be part of the defect involving both soft and hard palate. Manifesting by difficulties in sucking or nasal regurgitation of milk and food.

2. **Soft palate dislocation and dorsal soft palate displacement:** The free edge of the soft palate is displaced from the normal position under the epiglottis to lies over the opening of the larynx and obstructing the opening of the trachea causing reduction in airflow.

3. **Elongation of the soft palate** over long soft palate. An **elongated soft palate** is considered elongated when it extends past the top of the epiglottis .

4. **Paralysis of the soft palate musculature** (unilateral paralysis of a levator veli palatine muscle): That cause leaves the palate margin flaccid and the deviation of the uvula.

