



Directory of Services



St. Joseph's Health
ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of our doctors, nurses and specialty teams, welcome to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

We are pleased to provide you with St. Joseph's Children's Hospital's Directory of Services. A comprehensive listing of our pediatric medical and dental staff, this directory is designed to provide an overview of our programs and services and ease access to any of our more than 180 pediatric subspecialists.

In addition to this document, a directory of St. Joseph's Health physicians – for children and adults - is also available for your convenience at www.StJosephsHealth.org.

We recognize and value the expertise of the members of our Medical Staff. Our physicians are key contributors to the high standard of compassionate, world-class care provided to our patients and their families.

With nurses that have been recognized with the Magnet award for excellence for the fifth consecutive time – spanning 20 years - St. Joseph's is proud to provide a wealth of expertise and technologic advancements that translate into truly exceptional patient care experiences and outcomes.

We encourage you to get to know our medical staff and take full advantage of all that St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has to offer you, your patients and their families.

Michael Lamacchia, MD

Chairman, Pediatrics

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

How to Get or Give Updates to Information

Periodic service updates and contact information revisions for this Directory of Services will be provided to you by St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. If you have any questions about our physicians, their specialties or our services, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to the appropriate specialist or contact St. Joseph's Children's Hospital at:

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Overview



Overview

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, located on the campus of St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, NJ, is a leader in comprehensive healthcare for children. Recognized for our high standard of quality and compassionate pediatric care, St. Joseph's is a New Jersey-designated children's hospital offering a broad spectrum of services for patients from birth to 21 years of age and their families.

When a child is ill or injured, their condition and their treatment can affect the child's overall development for years to come. It is for this reason that we "treat the whole child," and why we have implemented a team approach to treatment. The various pediatric specialists and subspecialists at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital share their expertise to best identify and anticipate complications that may impact the child's state-of-mind and future development. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital practices family-centered care. We strive to make children and families feel safe and help them understand and cope with the challenges of illness.

Blazing new paths in leading-edge technology and care, our Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Center was the first to use telemedicine via the patented e-feed connectivity system, linking children locally and around the globe to expert physicians and services. Our cutting edge Genetics program put the latest research and clinical trials in the hands of our patients and their families.

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital also offers the expertise of board-certified pediatric subspecialists across a variety of medical and surgical concentrations outside the hospital setting. Care is provided within subspecialty centers in Hoboken, Paramus, Paterson and Wayne.

Honors and Affiliations

- Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence, American Nurses Credentialing Committee designation since 1999
- National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI), Member
- Northern New Jersey Maternal-Child Health Consortium
- Children's Oncology Group (COG), Member
- Designated State Level II Trauma Center
- Regional Perinatal Center
- Federation of New Jersey Child Evaluation Centers

Educational Programs

- Affiliated with the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New England College of Medicine, Columbia University School of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, St. George's University School of Medicine, Seton Hall University
- Fully approved ACGME Pediatric Residency Program with five-year accreditation
- ***Nursing affiliations:***
Seton Hall University
William Paterson University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Rutgers University
College of Saint Elizabeth
Bergen Community College
Passaic County Community College
- ***Feeding and Swallowing Center Affiliations:***
Montclair State University
William Paterson University

Research

Innovative treatment is an important element of our care of children at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. With this in mind, St. Joseph's participates in research studies of a variety of diseases in collaboration with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital also participates in clinical trials research in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Endocrinology, Genetics, Hematology/Oncology (a designated Valerie Fund Center), Pulmonology, Nephrology, Neurology, Cardiology, Pediatric Critical Care, Neonatology and Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

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Telemedicine

St. Joseph's began collaboration with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to establish the world's first high-definition telemedicine program. This program takes advantage of video-conferencing to discuss the MRIs, CT Scans, pathology and cyclotron images of difficult and rare pediatric cases.

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Leadership



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Divisions



Adolescent Medicine

The Division of Adolescent Medicine at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital places particular emphasis on assessing the psychosocial development of adolescents; their interaction with peers, teachers and family members; and their ability to make the transition to adulthood. Special attention is given to prevention, health guidance, screenings and immunizations.

The Division also provides care of adolescents with menstrual and other gynecological problems.

Directed by Pediatric Board Certified Pediatricians with special training in Adolescent Medicine, this service treats both inpatients and outpatients between 13 and 21 years of age.

The Division provides outpatient services through the Pediatric Primary Care Department at the DePaul Center and inpatient consultations at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

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Allergy/Immunology

The Allergy/Immunology Division of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers evaluation and treatment for patients with allergies, asthma and immunological diseases. Patients have access to up-to-date comprehensive testing for the diagnosis of these illnesses.

Following diagnosis, physicians will design and discuss a plan of treatment with the patient and referring physician.

The division treats both pediatric and adult patients. Therefore, all members of a family can be treated by the same team of specialists.

The Allergy and Immunology Division provides diagnosis and treatment for the following conditions and diseases:

- Asthma
- Rhinitis (hay fever) and Sinusitis
- Cough
- Eczema (Dermatitis)
- Urticaria - Hives
- Food allergy
- Insect allergy
- Drug allergy
- Conjunctivitis
- Frequent infections - primary immune deficiency

Diagnosis of allergy and immunological disease may include the following:

- Allergy testing: usually skin and sometimes blood tests
- Pulmonary function testing, including testing for exercise-related wheezing
- Rhinoscopy: examination of nasal passages with a special instrument
- Food and drug challenges
- Evaluation of immunological competency

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Cardiovascular Services Medical and Surgical Components

Cardiology

The Pediatric Cardiology Program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital encompasses a complete range of both non-invasive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures to care for children with congenital or acquired heart problems. Board-certified pediatric cardiologists and dedicated pediatric echocardiographers follow patients with heart disease from infancy into adulthood.

Programs and Services

- Echocardiography
- Electrophysiology
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- Fetal Heart Program
- General Pediatric Cardiology
- Management of acquired and congenital heart disease
- Management of hyperlipidemia

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Susan Ortega, APN

Cardiac Surgery

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers a wide range of surgical procedures to treat all forms of congenital heart defects.

St. Joseph's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for pre- and post- operative expertise uses cutting edge technology and minimally invasive techniques. All patients who undergo Pediatric Surgery have the benefit of care in our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Affiliations

- Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital
- Columbia University School of Medicine

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Dermatology

The Dermatology Division of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has Board-certified dermatologists who work closely with pediatricians in the evaluation and treatment of pediatric skin diseases and congenital skin abnormalities. These include but are not limited to acne, psoriasis, warts and eczema.

Parents are educated about prevention of skin diseases and proper skincare for their children, in particular the use of sunscreen for prevention of skin cancer.

Programs and Services

- Diagnostic Testing
- Education for patients and family
- Biopsies via excision and cautery

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Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

For more than 20 years, the Child Development Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has been providing comprehensive diagnosis, evaluation and treatment for children with confirmed or suspected developmental or behavioral concerns. The team consists of neurodevelopmental pediatricians, child psychologists, applied behavior analysts, social workers and support staff. Rehabilitation medicine specialists including Audiologists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists are consulted and referred to as needed based on the patient's symptomology and diagnosis. With 1,500 evaluations and more than 7,000 visits per year, we are an established and respected treatment center for Northern New Jersey where children, from infancy to age 21, are cared for and treated. The Child Development Center has a longstanding relationship with the Head Start Program.

Referrals are made by physicians, parents, community agencies and schools.

Programs and Services

- Binder Autism Center
- School and Child Study Referrals
- Specially-trained psychologist in Attention Deficit Disorder/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum/ Pervasive Development Disorders. (Refer to Special Programs)

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Binder Autism Center

The Binder Autism Center, as part of the Child Development Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, employs an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders. The objective of the inter-and multidisciplinary team is to provide families the experience of a comprehensive approach to the diagnosis of their children, as well as provide critical support services.

The Binder Autism Center treats the families through an array of services for the learner, caregiver and sibling. Our evaluation team is comprised of multiple pediatric subspecialties, including developmental pediatrics, neurology, genetics, rehabilitation medicine (physical, occupational, speech and language therapists), feeding and swallowing, child and adolescent psychology and psychiatry.

Collaborative Services provided through the Autism Center include:

- Diagnostic Evaluation
- Psychological Assessment (ADOS, developmental, cognitive and achievement testing)
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services
- Social Work Services
- Pediatric Speech and Language Therapy
- Pediatric Occupational Therapy
- Pediatric Physical Therapy
- Psychoeducation/Support Groups
- Parent Skills Training Groups
- Coordination of Services through our Genetics, Feeding and Swallowing and other Pediatric services (as needed)
- Referral Services to community-based programs and services

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Emergency Medicine

The Pediatric Emergency Department at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has an annual patient volume of over 40,000 visits. It provides children with the specialized care they need in a warm and friendly environment. The Pediatric ED is a 14-bed facility that has a separate entrance and waiting room with dedicated registration and triage areas.

The Pediatric Emergency Department at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is staffed by specialists who are dually trained in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine. The registered nurses and other staff have specialized pediatric training and experience to recognize and treat conditions unique to children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Upon discharge from the Emergency Department, a discharge summary is sent to the treating pediatrician to ensure continuity of care.

Programs and Services

- Level II Trauma Center
- Helicopter Transport
- Dedicated Pediatric and Neonatal Transport Services
(Refer to Special Programs)

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Endocrinology/Diabetes

The Endocrinology/Diabetes Division at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provides Board-certified Pediatric Endocrinologists to evaluate and treat infants, children and adolescents with Endocrine disorders.

The division specializes in the evaluation and treatment of the following disorders:

- Diabetes
- Growth Disorders including Growth Hormone Deficiency
- Disorders of bone and mineral metabolism including Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- Pubertal Disorders
- Hypoglycemia
- Thyroid Diseases
- Adrenal Diseases
- Pituitary Diseases
- Turner Syndrome
- Disorders of Sex Development

Families receive support through the expertise of our Physicians, Certified Diabetic Nurse Educators, Registered Dietitians and Social Workers.

Our Division also participates in Multidisciplinary Specialty Clinics: Prader Willi Clinic, Turner Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis, Birth Defects Clinic and Cancer Survivorship Clinic.

Programs and Services

- Diabetes Program (Refer to Special Programs)
- Growth Deficiency

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Gastroenterology

The Pediatric Gastroenterology Division at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provides evaluation and treatment of liver, biliary, gastrointestinal, pancreatic, and nutritional disorders, from infancy to adolescence.

These disorders include the following:

- Crohn's Disease
- Constipation and Encopresis
- Peptic Ulcer Disease
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Malabsorption/Digestive Disorder
- Gastro-Esophageal Reflux
- Liver Disease
- Short Bowel Syndrome
- Recurrent Abdominal Pain

Diagnostic procedures include upper endoscopies, colonoscopies, small bowel biopsies, breath hydrogen tests and rectal suction biopsies.

A Gastroenterology Nurse Practitioner provides comprehensive education of chronic diseases. Physicians and staff focus on the continuity of care from inpatient to outpatient that includes the families, the referring physicians and the school.

Programs and Services

- Pediatric Endoscopy
- Capsule Endoscopy

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General Pediatrics

Primary pediatric care is provided to children from birth through 21 years of age. Our multidisciplinary team consists of board-certified pediatricians, pediatric residents, pediatric nurse practitioners, pediatric nurses, medical assistants, social workers and support staff.

Services include comprehensive, continuous preventive health maintenance, immunizations and screening for nutritional, developmental and mental health problems as well as acute illness visits. Our office also serves as a consulting center for pediatric lead poisoning, child abuse and neglect. Our practice is academically centered and is part of the training program for pediatric residents. We provide a medical home for children and adolescents with chronic and complex illnesses and work closely with pediatric subspecialists, most of whom are located in the same facility and hospital.

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Genetics

The Genetics Division at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is staffed by a Board-certified Medical Geneticist and Board-certified licensed Genetic Counselors who provide a full range of genetic services, including testing, diagnosis, treatment and counseling of pediatric and adult patients who have concerns about genetic disorders. Pediatric Genetic services are available for families who have a child with a learning disability, developmental delay, birth defect(s), physical disability, or a suspected genetic condition.

Cancer genetic counseling is offered to those with a personal or family history of cancer and who are concerned about their risk for a secondary cancer or the risk for cancer in other family members.

Adult genetic services are available for adults with a suspected or known genetic condition, birth defect or disability who are seeking diagnosis, further medical information, aid in medical management or answers to questions about the risks for their children.

Prenatal genetic counseling is for individuals who are currently pregnant or planning a pregnancy who, either through pregnancy history, family history, age, blood work or fetal ultrasound, might be at an increased risk for having a child with a birth defect, mental retardation or genetic condition.

Programs and Services

- The Prader-Willi Center
- The Neurofibromatosis Center
- Our World, The Palestroni Center for Genetic Conditions
- Lysosomal Storage Disease Infusion Program
- The Turner Syndrome Clinic
- Neurogenetics Clinic

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Hematology/Oncology

The Valerie Fund Children's Center for Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provides state-of-the-art family-centered care for children with blood disorders and cancer. The staff includes physicians who are Board-certified in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Palliative Care and Pain Management. The physician team is enhanced by a full complement of support staff including advanced practice and registered nurses with expertise in the care of oncologic and hematologic disorders. The multi-disciplinary approach to patient care also includes a psychosocial team, including a social worker, neuropsychologist, and education liaison as well as child life and recreation therapists.

Our team also includes Integrative Therapists who utilize modalities such as acupuncture, laser acupuncture, essential oils, reflexology and massage in conjunction with traditional medicine to assist in the treatment of patients. The therapists also treat parents and siblings of patients to help them cope with the stress and anxiety of their family member's illness and treatment.

The Valerie Fund Children's Center is a member of the Children's Oncology Group (COG), an international organization supported by the National Cancer Institute, which provides research protocols for the advancement of a cure for all pediatric cancers. Pediatric oncology patients are enrolled in the most current treatment protocols available. The staff attends weekly lectures with St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital using high definition telemedicine to keep up-to-date on the latest advances in leukemia and hematology.

Programs and Services

The Valerie Fund Children's Center at St. Joseph's treats a variety of blood disorders from birth to adolescence. These include:

- Sickle-cell Anemia
- Thalassemia
- Anemia from nutritional deficiencies to inherited disorders
- Platelet disorders such as Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)
- Bleeding disorders such as Von Willebrand's Disease or Hemophilia
- White blood cell disorders
- Long term Follow-up/Survivorship

The Valerie Fund Children's Center at St. Joseph's specializes in the evaluation and treatment of a wide spectrum of oncology conditions affecting children and young adults including:

- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Brain Tumors, Neuroblastoma
- Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors
- Wilms Tumors
- Liver Tumors
- Germ Cell Tumors

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Hospitalist Service

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has a recognized Hospitalist Service. This service is staffed with Board-certified physicians available at all times. The Hospitalists work closely with community Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists and Surgeons to provide continuous communication, evaluation and treatment of hospitalized patients.

This service is available to patients who do not have an identified Primary Care Physician or for physicians who desire the care of their patients to be performed by the Hospitalist Service whether permanently or temporarily (during vacation, etc.)

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Infectious Diseases

The Pediatric Infectious Disease (PID) Service is comprised of specialists certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in both general pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. The service provides inpatient and outpatient consultation to children from birth to 21 years of age. Working closely with general pediatricians, intensivists and other specialists, we assist in the diagnosis and management of all types of acute pediatric infections such as pneumonia, meningitis and soft tissue and bone infections to include those due to methicillin resistant Staph aureus (MRSA).

We also provide primary inpatient care for children and adolescents admitted to the PID Inpatient Service. Additionally, we provide consultative support to children with chronic infectious disease conditions such as HIV/AIDS, cystic fibrosis and tuberculosis. Through our outpatient clinics located in Paterson and Paramus, we provide consultative support for children and adolescents with concerns related to issues such as travel medicine, foreign adoption, recurrent fevers, MRSA and Lyme disease.

Finally, we provide teaching and education for physicians, students, residents and nurses regarding important topics such as appropriate use of antibiotics, resistant infections and infection control.

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Neonatology

First established in 1974, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital was one of the first Regional NICUs in New Jersey. Over the years, nearly 30,000 babies have received an excellent start in life from the experienced neonatal professionals who care for them.

Over 1,000 critically-ill newborns and premature infants are cared for each year in the NICU. The Unit is staffed by attending Neonatologists, board-certified in Pediatrics and Neonatology, as well as highly experienced Neonatal Nurses, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Neonatologists work closely with the Perinatal Center prior to birth.

Reasons for admission include prematurity, lung disorders, infections, birth defects or surgical conditions. Babies admitted to the NICU may have been born at St. Joseph's or referred from other hospitals.

NICU services include nasal CPAP, conventional high frequency ventilator, whole-body cooling and inhaled nitric oxide.

Special Information

According to data collected by the Vermont-Oxford Network on low birth weight infants from nearly 1,000 NICUs around the world, St. Joseph's NICU consistently ranks among the top units for survival, critical outcomes and incidence of chronic lung disease.

In an effort to support and comfort families, arrangements can be made for overnight accommodations. There is a room dedicated to this use for parents.

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Nephrology and Hypertension

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology and Hypertension at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers care to children and adolescents with renal and genitourinary problems and hypertension. The comprehensive nature of the healthcare services is delivered by a multidisciplinary team including pediatric nephrologists, pediatric urologists, pediatric nurses, nutritionists, social workers and dialysis nurses.

The program offers advanced diagnostic and treatment services for patients with a variety of conditions, including:

- Acute or Chronic Renal Failure
- Primary and Secondary Hypertension
- Nephrotic Syndrome
- Acute and Chronic Glomerulonephritis
- Tubulopathies
- Renal t\Tubular Acidosis
- Electrolytes and Acid-Base conditions
- End Stage Renal Disease
- Congenital Anomalies of the Genitourinary Tract system:
Hydronephrosis, Posterior Urethral Valves; Renal Dysplasia and Hypoplasia; Vesicoureteral Reflux, Renal Agenesis
- Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections
- Enuresis

- Proteinuria and Hematuria
- Renal Cystic Conditions
- Kidney Transplant office follow-up care

The Division offers 24-hour inpatient care for patients requiring nephrology consultations and dialysis.

Programs and Services

- Transplant Evaluation and Preparation
- Patient Education and Training
- Nutritional Counseling

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Location

Ambulatory Dialysis at DePaul Center

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St. Joseph's Children's at Hoboken

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Neurology

In the Division of Neurology at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Board-certified Pediatric Neurologists are available to evaluate children suffering from a wide variety of neurological disorders such as:

- Seizures
- Headache Disorders
- Cerebral Palsy
- Neuromuscular Disorders
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders
- Head Injury/Concussions
- Tic and Movement Disorders
- Developmental Delays

Programs and Services

- Epilepsy Center (Refer to Special Programs)
- Neuromuscular Program (Refer to Special Programs)
- Neurogenetic Clinic
- Pediatric Concussion Center

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Neurosurgery

Board-certified Pediatric Neurosurgeons at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provide a variety of services including the treatment of:

- Hydrocephalus
- Congenital Spinal Disorders including Spina Bifida and Tethered Cord
- Craniosynostosis
- Brain and Spinal Tumors
- Cranial and Spinal Trauma
- Arnold Chiari Malformation and other Brain Anomalies
- Epilepsy
- Spasticity including Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy
- Intrathecal Pumps

Programs and Services

- Minimally Invasive Endoscopic Surgery for Hydrocephalus, Craniosynostosis and Spasticity
- Surgical and Device Correction of Epilepsy

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Ophthalmology

The Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has Board-certified Pediatric Ophthalmologists who provide specialty and general eye care to pediatric patients.

Children who have been treated at St. Joseph's Neonatal (NICU) and Pediatric Intensive Care (PICU) Unit often require specialty care for eye problems related to prematurity, such as retinopathy or strabismus. Specialty care is also often necessary for eye problems stemming from trauma or infections.

St. Joseph's Pediatric Ophthalmology Division provides a full range of support services for a variety of eye conditions including:

- Strabismus
- Ptosis
- Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Congenital Glaucoma
- Congenital Cataracts
- Naso-Lacrimal Duct Obstruction
- Refractive Error

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Services

The Department of Dentistry provides inpatient and outpatient dental and oral and maxillofacial surgery services to children of all ages. In addition to managing urgencies and emergencies, dentists provide comprehensive oral health care including the full spectrum of diagnostic and treatment services.

The department's pediatric dentists and orthodontists are specially trained to care for children with cleft lip and palate.

The Department of Dentistry provides special care for medically complex patients and for mentally and physically challenged children with oral health needs. The oral and maxillofacial surgery section manages trauma patients as well as patients with head and neck tumors, congenital and acquired deformities and those requiring sedation for dental treatment.

Academic affiliations include Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education and Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Programs and Services

Services are provided by:

- General Dentists and Dental Hygienists
- Pediatric Dentists, Orthodontists Maxillofacial Prosthodontists
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- Other Dental Specialists

Members of the department are available for inpatient consultation and are on call 24 hours a day to the Emergency Department to provide emergency services for patients who have acute oral surgical needs.

Contact Information

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Orthopedics

The Division of Orthopedic Surgery at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provides pediatric and adolescent patients with a wide array of services ranging from pre-season physical examinations to extensive reconstructive surgery.

The medical staff includes orthopedic surgeons and physicians who are leaders in orthopedic surgical procedures including spinal surgery and sports medicine. The division specializes in areas such as:

- Pediatric hand, foot and ankle surgery
- Orthopedic trauma
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Gait analysis

- Pediatric spinal disorders, including scoliosis and spine fractures, congenital abnormalities
- Orthopedic Oncology
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Otolaryngology

The Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital deals with nearly all medical and surgical problems related to the ear, nose, throat and neck.

The specialty encompasses tumors of the head and neck, management of ear disease and hearing loss, endoscopic examination of air and food passages and the care and treatment of sinus, laryngeal and thyroid disorders.

Comprehensive care and state-of-the-art technology are available for all conditions relating to the ear, nose and throat.

Otolaryngologists care for conditions such as chronic ear infection, head and neck masses and tumors, congenital anomalies and vascular malformation, airway problems, sinus disease, voice/speech difficulties and hearing testing.

St. Joseph's otolaryngologists work closely with audiology, craniofacial services and speech and language pathology.

Common Ear, Nose and Throat conditions in children include:

- Birth defects related to the head and neck region
- Foreign bodies in the ears, nose, airway or esophagus
- Ear infections including swimmer's ear, otitis media, middle ear fluid (serous otitis) and chronic otitis media
- Chronic ear problems and infections
- Cleft lip and palate-related conditions
- Protruding or lop ears
- Correctable hearing loss as well as congenital hearing loss and deafness
- Nasal diseases such as bloody noses, nasal allergies and sinusitis, nasal deformities and breathing obstruction
- Throat problems such as recurring sore throats, tonsil and adenoid problems, bacterial tonsillitis, pharyngitis, peritonsillar abscess and sleep apnea
- Trauma to nasal and facial bones
- Neck lumps and masses such as thyroglossal and branchial cysts and swollen lymph nodes
- Diseases and conditions of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands
- Head and Neck Cancer

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Pediatric Critical Care Services

The Pediatric Critical Care Unit (PICU) is a 12-bed unit caring for both critically ill and medical and surgical patients. The PICU has nearly 1,000 admissions annually. Our nurses are all Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certified and experienced in caring for a wide range of patients, including Oncology, Cardiac Surgery, Neurosurgery, Respiratory and Renal Failure.

Transport staff and specially equipped vehicles are available 24/7 to mobilize patients from any referral facility.

The PICU is supported by a full spectrum of Pediatric Subspecialists who are capable of stabilizing and treating any pediatric emergency, 24 hours a day.

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Pediatric Education/Residency Program

The Pediatric Residency three-year program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is academically affiliated with the New York Medical College. The Program places a strong emphasis on general pediatrics and subspecialty clinical practice, teaching and research. St. Joseph's was one of the first accredited Children's Hospitals in New Jersey and includes a 48-bed General Pediatric Service, a 12-bed Pediatric ICU, a Mother-Baby Unit, a 20-bed Intermediate Nursery and a 30-bassinet Full Term Nursery. All Pediatric subspecialists are based at St. Joseph's and all rotations are done on-site. In a typical year, St. Joseph's cares for 40,000 visits to our pediatric emergency department, 6,000 admissions and 300,000 outpatient visits.

The Program is made up of 36 Residents and two Chief Residents. At the beginning of the PGY-1 year, each Resident is assigned a faculty-advisor and mentor from the third-year class to provide guidance and direction over the three years of training. Acceptance into our Residency Program is highly competitive with an average of 1,700 applications for the 12 spots per year. Our graduates have gone on to illustrious careers in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Subspecialties. The latter includes Pulmonology, Nephrology and Hypertension, Neurodevelopment, Medical Genetics, Hematology-

Oncology, Neonatology, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Infectious Diseases, Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. Many pediatricians in our community are proud graduates of this Program. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital also contributes to the academic enrichment of our community by the presentation of weekly Grand Rounds and the sponsorship of special symposia that meet the educational needs of physicians in an effort to continue to improve knowledge, patient care and patient outcomes. We also showcase the valuable resources and services that are available in the multidisciplinary management of complex problems addressed by our specialists.

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Pulmonology

The Pulmonology Division of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers consultation, diagnostic testing and treatment for infants and children with pulmonary diseases including the following:

- Asthma
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Congenital lung abnormalities
- Neuromuscular respiratory disease
- Chronic respiratory failure
- Recurrent pneumonia
- Persistent cough
- Environmental allergies
- Cystic Fibrosis (Refer to Special Programs)
- Sleep Disorders (Refer to Special Programs)

The Pulmonary team is made up of board certified Pediatric Pulmonologists, advanced nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, nutritionists and social workers.

Other pulmonary related services available are:

- **Pulmonary Function Testing:**

Pulmonary function tests are performed each year to evaluate and follow lung disease in children. A full spectrum of pulmonary function tests, including spirometry, diffusion analysis, lung volumes, exercise testing and methacholine challenges are available. Physicians may order Pulmonary Function Tests by calling the Pediatric Pulmonary Laboratory at 973.754.2508.

- **Bronchoscopy Laboratory:**

Examination of the upper and lower airway by flexible bronchoscope and bronchoalveolar lavage is an important diagnostic tool in the evaluation of:

- Stridor
- Persistent wheezing
- Refractory, chronic cough
- Pneumonias
- Unusual infections
- Atelectasis
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Congenital abnormalities of the lung

Neonatal, infant and adult size flexible bronchoscopes are used for the examination of the bronchi. Bronchoscopies are performed in the pediatric operating room and in the Bronchoscopy Suite in collaboration with Pediatric Anesthesiology.

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Rheumatology

The Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital strives to provide the best care possible for children and adolescents with rheumatic diseases. Pediatric rheumatic diseases are comprised of chronic, complex autoimmune and multisystem inflammatory diseases which often can be a challenge to diagnose and treat. Pediatric rheumatic diseases differ significantly from adult rheumatic conditions, and require specialized care with the considerations of growth, development and quality of life of pediatric patients. With the specialized and unique training of our pediatric rheumatologist, we offer expert and quality care tailored for each child's needs in a pediatric focused environment. Through our family centered care and collaboration among the various pediatric disciplines, we are committed to provide the most comprehensive and complete care for each patient.

The Division of Pediatric Rheumatology provides the comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis and management of several rheumatic conditions, including:

- Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
- Juvenile Dermatomyositis
- Mixed Connective Tissue Disease
- Vasculitides
- Scleroderma (systemic and localized)
- Periodic Fever Syndrome and other Autoinflammatory Diseases
- Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes, Including Fibromyalgia
- Reactive Arthritis
- Lyme Arthritis
- Other Connective Tissue Diseases

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Surgery – General Pediatric

The Surgical Division at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital has developed an unsurpassed reputation and is a major referral center for pediatric surgery in northern New Jersey.

We routinely perform surgery on high-risk premature neonates with acquired diseases or congenital malformations.

Most common surgeries performed are:

- Appendectomy
- Hernia repair
- Complex abdominal surgery
- Thoracic surgery including correction of Pectus Excavatum
- Pyloric Stenosis

The NICU and PICU provide expert post-operative care to all children.

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Surgery – Plastic Surgery

The Division of Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is renowned for the wide scope of the procedures performed, ranging from Cleft Lip/Palate Surgery to trauma reconstruction, complex facial reconstruction and cranial surgery.

The division in particular specializes in some areas of major and innovative aspects of plastic surgery including:

- Congenital anomalies, including Cleft Lip and Palate
- Endoscopic correction of Craniosynostosis

The division works with the Regional Craniofacial Center and Our World, The Palestroni Center for Genetic Conditions, a premier multidisciplinary team of pediatric specialists. These physicians provide consultations, diagnosis and treatment for patients with Craniofacial disorders as well as education and support for their family members in collaboration with referral sources. The most common procedures performed by the plastic surgeons are:

- Cleft lip and palate repair
- Pharyngeal flaps
- Craniosynostosis correction
- Major facial reconstruction
- Secondary cleft surgeries
- Hemangiomas and Arterio-Venous Malformations treatment and surgeries
- Autologous ear reconstruction

The division's plastic and reconstructive surgeons are committed to providing quality care, as well as quality of life, to all their patients. Patients receive superb care from experienced physicians who have both the latest knowledge and extensive training in their specialties.

Programs and Services

Craniofacial Program (Refer to Special Programs)

Our World, The Palestroni Center for Genetic Conditions
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Special Programs



Our World, The Palestroni Center for Genetic Conditions

The Palestroni Center for Genetic Conditions at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital provides consultation and treatment services for children with structural birth defects and complex medical conditions.

We create a medical home for patients and their families by providing unified care from a multidisciplinary team of specialists. The Center's multidisciplinary team combines the expertise of subspecialists available at St. Joseph's Health, including Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Genetics, Neonatology, Craniofacial, Audiology, Cardiovascular Services, Orthopedics, Neurology, Feeding and Swallowing, Dental/Maxillofacial, ENT, Physical Medicine, Developmental specialists, Ophthalmology services, Gastrointestinal, Pulmonology, Endocrinology services, Pastoral Care, Nutritionists, Nursing and Social Work.

Multidisciplinary Specialty Clinics provide coordinated care for patients with specific genetic conditions with many specialty providers being available to see the patients on one day. There is also the opportunity for the patients to interact with each other to provide support. Patients and families can expect that our team will provide individualized care, education, consultation, diagnosis and treatment that is consistent with their family's needs. We strive to improve health outcomes and quality of life for patients and families.

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Binder Autism Center

The Binder Autism Center is part of the Child Development Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. We employ an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Our evaluation team includes neuro-developmental pediatricians, child and adolescent psychologists, child psychiatrists, behaviorists and licensed social workers. This is one of the only programs that is as comprehensive in its content as it is in its inclusion of all family/support team members.

The mission of the Binder Autism Center is to provide a systemic approach to the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and societal integration of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. We view the family as a whole. Treatment begins with our distinguished clinical staff evaluating and diagnosing children with autism and then continues throughout our program with individual sessions, support groups, skill groups, educational seminars, social functions and activities.

Collaborative Services Available

- Psychological Assessment (ADOS, Developmental, Cognitive, and Achievement testing)
- Pediatric Speech and Language Therapy
- Pediatric Occupational Therapy
- Pediatric Physical Therapy
- Genetics
- Feeding and Swallowing
- Other Pediatric Services (as needed)

Services available for children:

- Individual Lerner Sessions
- Social Skills Groups
- Recreation Groups
- Field Trips
- Birthday & Holiday Parties
- Community Walks & Resource Fairs
- Music Therapy

Services for Family:

- Family Support Groups
- Orientation Groups for the Newly Diagnosed
- Open Support Groups
- Family Picnics & Holiday Parties
- Parent Education Presentations
- Sibling Support

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Neurofibromatosis Diagnostic and Treatment Center

The Neurofibromatosis Center provides multidisciplinary outpatient care for children with neurofibromatosis diagnoses including NF1, NF2 and Schwannomatosis. The program offers the services of Geneticists, Ophthalmologists, Developmental Pediatricians, Neurologists, Orthopedists, Audiologists, as well as other needed healthcare professionals.

Evaluations by a Medical Geneticist and a Pediatric Neurologist are completed in a single session. The Center has a dedicated Social Worker who addresses the patient needs as they arise. The team also coordinates care with Developmental Pediatricians, Pediatric Orthopedists, audiologists and any other necessary specialists or healthcare professionals.

The program is registered with the Children's Tumor Foundation. This Foundation and its members are dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by neurofibromatosis.

Services

- Confirmation of diagnosis
- Ongoing physical assessments
- Ophthalmologic evaluations
- Developmental assessments
- Neurological assessments
- Hearing evaluations
- Orthopedic screening
- Genetic consultation and testing
- Genetic counseling
- Patient and family education and support

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Prader-Willi Center

The Prader-Willi Center provides multidisciplinary outpatient care for children and adolescents with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

The center offers the services of endocrinologists, geneticists, nutritionists and developmental pediatricians as well as other necessary healthcare providers.

The Center provides comprehensive services including:

- Confirmation of diagnosis
- Ongoing physical assessments
- Monitoring of growth and development
- Dietary evaluations and counseling
- Developmental and educational evaluations
- Endocrine testing and treatment (growth hormone therapy, thyroid and glucose screening)
- Genetic counseling
- Patient and family education and support
- Consultations with pediatric psychologists

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Regional Craniofacial Center

At the Regional Craniofacial Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, a premier multidisciplinary team of pediatric specialists provides consultation, diagnosis and treatment for patients with craniofacial anomalies, as well as education and support for their family members. As part of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, clinicians representing a variety of pediatric subspecialties offer comprehensive management for the full spectrum of anomalies of the head and face including missing or underdeveloped ears and oral clefts.

The mission of the Craniofacial Center is to provide quality specialized team care to children and adolescents with clefts and other congenital and/or acquired craniofacial anomalies.

Available Services include:

- Prenatal consultation and counseling is available when a craniofacial anomaly is detected in utero
- Onsite consultation is available for newborns with craniofacial, cleft lip, cleft palate, velopharyngeal and feeding disorders
- Outreach Program/Mom to Mom is available for parents of children whose craniofacial anomalies were treated at the center and are matched with parents of children born with similar conditions
- Plagiocephaly/Craniosynostosis Program includes neurosurgical, craniofacial and cranial molding consults and interventions

- Auricular Reconstruction Team (ART) services provided to children born with microtia; surgical, prosthetic and hearing consultation and reconstructive interventions available

The Regional Craniofacial Center meets and exceeds standards set by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association for designation as a Craniofacial Team. The team is also a member of the New Jersey Federation of Cleft-Palate Craniofacial Teams and is funded in part by the Special Child Health Services Division of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Special Child Health and Early Intervention Services.

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Child Life Department

The Child Life Department helps to decrease the stress and anxiety created by illness and hospitalization. Child Life Staff members are available to help normalize the hospital environment, educate

children on medical procedures and illness, support children during procedures and provide family centered care and support for parents and siblings.

- Medical Play/educational sessions
- Age-appropriate play sessions
- Support and distraction during procedures and tests
- Coping skills, positioning for comfort, education for patients and families
- Art therapy
- Music therapy
- Animal assisted interventions
- Horticulture therapy
- Character visits
- Birthday celebrations

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Santo LoConte Center for Child Safety Resiliency and Advocacy

The Santo LoConte Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers a comprehensive program for the evaluation and treatment of injuries suspected to have been caused by child abuse. The Center coordinates the gathering of information and facilitates communication among agencies involved in abuse cases. The Center also educates professionals and the community on child abuse, neglect and safety issues. The Center also provides supervised visitations.

Team consists of:

- Physicians with Expertise in Child Abuse
- Clinical Coordinator
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Emergency Department Physicians/Trauma Physicians
- Pediatricians
- Radiologists
- Pediatric Subspecialists

Services Include:

- Evaluation of Child Physical Abuse
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Neglect Inpatient Consultations
- Post-Hoc Medical Chart Reviews
- Child Sexual Abuse Evaluations
- CHEC Exams
- Annual Child Abuse Symposium
- Community Programs focusing on prevention of child abuse and safety concerns for children

The Child Protection and Safety Center provides consultation and access to services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Comprehensive Care Center for HIV Services

The Comprehensive Care Center for HIV Services (CCC) was established in 1985 in response to the needs of HIV infected and affected individuals and their families. The CCC provides primary

medical and specialty care to over 1,000 HIV infected children, adolescents and adults. Services are comprehensive and broad. In addition to care for the infected, St. Joseph's is a state designated HIV Counseling and Testing Site. These patients are also provided services by the Department of Psychiatry and Dentistry besides their usual primary medical and specialty care enhanced services.

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Regional Cystic Fibrosis Center

The Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is an integral part of the Pulmonology Division. It is accredited by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and associated with The Columbia-Presbyterian University Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Center in New York City. The CF Center is a New Jersey State Referral Site for infants identified through the newborn CF screening program.

Our experienced CF care group includes the members of the Pediatric Pulmonology Division as well as Gastroenterologists, Endocrinologists and Infectious Disease Specialists who work in collaboration with social workers, nutritionists, respiratory and physical therapists.

The goal of the Cystic Fibrosis team is to evaluate, diagnose and provide up-to-date comprehensive care emphasizing the following:

- Normal growth and development
- Prevention of complications such as Failure to Thrive, Malnutrition, Recurrent Pulmonary Infections
- Assisting the child and the family to integrate the treatment regime into their home and school life
- Overall education regarding the disease and future expected outcomes

- Maintaining medical independence and sustaining a better quality of life

In order to provide continuity of care to our patients, adults with this diagnosis are referred to a dedicated team of Adult Pulmonologists and Gastroenterologists who provide consultation upon request.

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Diabetes Program

The St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Pediatric Diabetes Program is dedicated to providing quality diabetes care, education and support children with diabetes and to their families. The Program integrates the family, primary care provider and the diabetes team.

The diabetes team consists of a Pediatric Endocrinologists, Certified Diabetes Educators, Registered Nurses, Nutritionists and a Pediatric Social Workers.

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Diabetes Program provides care for children and adolescents with diabetes from birth to 21 years of age.

We provide:

- American Diabetes Association Standards of Care
- Evidence-based diabetes management using intensive insulin therapy and insulin pump therapy

- Continuous glucose monitoring

We believe in a team approach towards diabetes management. Our goal is to provide all the necessary tools to a child with diabetes, so that the child and family can successfully manage their diabetes. We incorporate all the latest technology in managing children with diabetes including insulin pumps and sensors.

We believe that education and support are the keys to helping families successfully manage their child's diabetes and to achieve optimal physical and mental health. We offer both inpatient and outpatient teaching for our patients with newly diagnosed diabetes.

In addition to medical care and diabetes education, we provide support groups where children can interact with each other. We offer activities such as Art Therapy and Yoga Nights. Our physicians also volunteer their time at a special camp for children with diabetes: CAMP NEJEDA.

We have incorporated a Transition Clinic for our older adolescents to transition them smoothly to the care of the Adult Endocrinologist.

We are also a part of a national observational research study on Type 1 diabetes.

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Dialysis Program

The Dialysis Program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is an integral and vital component of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology and Hypertension. Dialysis is done either acutely in the hospital or chronically at the Davita Outpatient Dialysis Center located at the Children's Hospital outpatient clinic building at 11 Getty Avenue, Paterson, NJ. Both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis are offered to patients needing this treatment.

The Dialysis team consists of Board-certified Pediatric Nephrologists, trained dialysis nurses, pediatric nephrology nurse practitioners, social workers and nutritionists.

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Early Intervention Program

The Early Intervention Program provides services to families and children with developmental delays and disabilities from birth to three years of age. Through structured play and activities of daily living, families learn to understand and improve their child's overall development. The developmental services focus on gross motor, fine motor, receptive and expressive communication, cognitive, adaptive and/or social emotional skills based on the individual needs of

each child and family. Family support, education and services are provided in the family's home or in the child's day care setting.

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Epilepsy Center

At the Epilepsy Center at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, we specialize in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of children and infants with seizures and epilepsy. Computer-assisted, long-term video EEG monitoring and current state-of-the-art technology allows accurate diagnosis of many types of epilepsy and related conditions in children. Depending on the frequency of seizure activity, adequate data can be obtained from recordings ranging from three hours to five days. We also perform Ambulatory EEGs which allows extended recording in a patient's home. Our specially trained Pediatric Epileptologists offer the latest, personalized, comprehensive medical and surgical treatment plan that best controls seizures with the fewest possible side effects for each child with epilepsy. Our multidisciplinary team also offers Vagal Nerve Stimulation, Epilepsy Surgery and Ketogenic Nutrition Treatment Program.

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The Center for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing

The goal of the Center for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is to provide a collaborative medical, motor and behavioral team-based approach to children with complex feeding and swallowing difficulties.

Feeding disorders affect approximately 25-40% of children, from infancy to adolescence. Approximately 80% of children with developmental disabilities have a feeding problem.

Feeding and swallowing problems are symptoms often associated with complex medical diagnoses.

Evaluation and treatment of feeding and swallowing in isolation ignore the systemic factors often contributing to feeding and swallowing problems. The Center for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing is the first of its kind in New Jersey to blend a multidisciplinary approach with experienced pediatric subspecialties and behavioral psychological techniques.

The Center has a telemedicine program "efeed™" where children are followed by the team from their homes in real time. For further information, check the website: www.feedingcenter.org.

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Infusion Services

The Infusion services provide the opportunity for IV Therapy in an outpatient setting, thus avoiding the need for hospitalization. Pediatricians and Pediatric Subspecialists can contact the Infusion Center to make arrangements for their patients to be treated. Services are offered Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The following are examples of the services offered:

- Chemotherapy
- Blood Transfusions - full and partial exchange transfusions
- Immunotherapy
- Antibiotics/Antifungals
- Enzyme replacement therapies for genetic disorders

This service is located on Xavier 7 in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Division.

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Integrative Therapies

The Pediatric Integrative Therapies program of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and the Valerie Fund Children's Center for Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders provide a group of evidenced-based holistic modalities that is used in combination with conventional therapies to enhance patient outcomes.

The staff includes Board-certified Doctors of Acupuncture who provide family centered care using integrative therapies to help alleviate any pain, anxiety and discomfort associated with disease or treatment. The goal of our program is to improve the psychological and physical functioning of children and their families in the specialties of pediatric divisions.

This program utilizes all natural and holistic treatments such as:

- Acupuncture
- Laser acupuncture
- Acupressure
- Essential oils
- Reflexology
- Massage

The World Health Organization has confirmed the research studies' effectiveness of these treatments on the following conditions in general classification:

- Multiskeletal pain of the back and neck
- Joint pain and arthritis
- Sprains
- Facial Pain/TMJ/dental pain
- Headache
- GI disorders
- Complication of pregnancy and labor
- Nausea and vomiting
- Postoperative pain
- Stroke
- Hypertension/hypotension
- Radiation/chemo reactions
- Allergies
- Depression
- Primary dysmenorrhea

This program is philanthropically funded with no cost to patients. We encourage families to explore and use these therapies to improve symptoms and well-being.

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Maureen Giese, DACM, MS, Integrative Therapist

Neonatal and Pediatric Transport Services

Transportation via a dedicated ambulance is provided to referring hospitals. A neonatal team consisting of a nurse, physician and respiratory therapist is dispatched quickly to labor and delivery units, or nurseries. A Neonatologist is always available for consultation and/or transport of newborns.

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Pediatric Transport Services

The Pediatric Intensive Care Team transports general and critically-ill patients. The wide variety of subspecialists on staff allows us to accept complicated cases. These can include neurological, cardiac and general surgical and medical cases, as well as complex medical cases and trauma. The team is dispatched in a designated pediatric ambulance with a pediatric critical care team.

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Neuromuscular Evaluation and Treatment Center

The Neuromuscular Program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital is dedicated to diagnosis and treatment of children with disorders related to the muscle and nerve, such as muscular dystrophies, congenital or acquired myopathies or neuropathies. The program also offers comprehensive management of children with spasticity due to cerebral palsy or other causes, ranging from oral treatment to muscle chemodenervation with Botox® and surgical interventions.

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Quality Improvement Program

The Quality Improvement Program is a multidisciplinary effort which works closely with all members of the Children's Hospital to ensure that the quality and safety of patient care remains of the highest caliber.

On a monthly basis, all divisions within the Children's Hospital collect data regarding quality outcomes using nationally recognized metrics specific to their primary care or specialty practices. These outcomes are reported regularly to the Patient Safety and Quality Committee for review and suggestions for improvement.

The Children's Hospital's participates in the National Health and Safety Network, which monitors central line, urinary catheter and ventilator associated infection rates.

The Children's Hospital participates in the Vermont-Oxford Network, a conglomerate of approximately 300 neonatal units throughout the United States and Canada which gathers and monitors data on low weight premature infants. The Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) consistently ranks among the top units for survival, critical outcomes and respiratory management rates.

Additionally, the NICU is an active participant in New Jersey NICU Collaborative where it also ranks as a top unit.

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David Goldberg, MD, Chief, Infectious Disease

Sickle Cell Program

St. Joseph's is a state-designated comprehensive Sickle Cell Center and recipient of a NJ State grant from the Newborn Screening Program.

Our program has established a set of evidenced-based medical guidelines for the treatment of Sickle Cell Disease based

upon standards set by the American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as guidelines established by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

All children with sickle cell disease are followed on a regular basis to ensure that the most current and necessary diagnostic testing and treatment is utilized to minimize the adverse effects of the disease. We offer comprehensive education to patients and their families to maximize knowledge and better disease management. We offer hydroxyurea to all eligible patients to improve patient outcomes. Our patients benefit from referral to summer camps to interact with other children with sickle cell diseases to help normalize their struggles. We offer a transfusion program for those patients requiring regular transfusions and management of iron overload.

Our social work program assists families in coping with a chronic disease. We have a neuropsychologist and education liaison to assist families in maximizing the child's educational potential. Our multidisciplinary team includes physicians, nurses, social workers, child life specialists and recreational therapists to help manage patients with pain in an outpatient setting, many times avoiding the need for admissions.

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Sleep Disorders Center

The St. Joseph's Children's Hospital's Pediatric Sleep Center, is located at our St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center campus in Wayne, NJ. The Center is dedicated to the evaluation of cardiorespiratory and sleep disorders in infants, children and adolescents. It is equipped with a new state-of-the-art comprehensive polysomnographic monitoring system, which is staffed by pediatric sleep technologists.

The Sleep Center consists of a multidisciplinary team of board-certified sleep specialists, pediatric epileptologist and neuromuscular specialists and otorhinolaryngologists.

An overnight sleep study or polysonogram is a tool that can help in the evaluation and management of children with symptoms that include:

- Snoring
- Mouth breathing
- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Behavioral problems that include inattentiveness in school and hyperactivity
- Cyanotic or choking spells
- Obesity-related sleep disorders
- Narcolepsy
- Neuromuscular diseases
- Hypoventilation
- Pre and Post-operative evaluation for scoliosis, spina bifida, cleft palate and other neurosurgical and craniofacial disorders
- Determination of respiratory needs for oxygen and ventilatory support

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Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program

The Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program, administered by St. Joseph's since 1975, has had a major impact on a whole generation of area children. This federally funded program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support and nutritional supplements for pregnant and postpartum women, babies and children up to the age of five. St. Joseph's WIC Program has 17 clinic sites in Passaic, Bergen and Morris counties.

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General Hospital Services



Anesthesiology

At St. Joseph's Children's Hospital there are Anesthesiologists who are Board-certified in Anesthesia with special training in Pediatric Anesthesia. They are able to ease the stress of young patients by employing the latest techniques in operative care and pain management.

Parents and children are encouraged to attend pre-operative tours of the operating room facilities. When appropriate, parents may accompany their children in pre-operative induction rooms and be present in the recovery room when their child wakes up. This minimizes stress for the patient and the family.

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Audiology

Our mission in the Audiology Department at St. Joseph's is to deliver quality-hearing healthcare to infants, children and adults.

We participate in the state mandated Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program and provide appropriate follow up care.

All Audiologists are certified by The American Speech-Hearing-Language Association. All team audiologists are trained in pediatric hearing care, evaluation and treatment. The team offers auricular reconstruction services and hearing aid evaluation and dispensing.

Programs and Services:

- Follow up for newborn screening referrals
- Follow up for babies considered at-risk
- Pediatric audiometry

- Auditory processing evaluations
- Complete audiological evaluations
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Hearing aid evaluations and dispensing

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Monique Williams, Newborn Screener

Alicja Witko, AuD

Inpatient Services

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital's inpatient units are equipped and designed to meet the needs of pediatric patients.

Our rooms are decorated to focus on the age of our patients from infants to teenagers and young adults. Our staff is trained in the specialized care and treatment of newborns and children. Our units are:

- Newborn Nursery
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and Pediatric Step Down Unit
- General Medical/Surgical Units (including Adolescents)

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Nursing Services

The St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Nursing Team has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with The Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence since 1999. Included on staff are Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) and Certified Pediatrics Registered Nurses (RNs). They utilize the Relationship-Based Model of Nursing Care, which fosters close collaboration between patients and families, and the nursing, medical and ancillary staff. Pediatric staff can be contacted by mobile phone for quick response to patients.

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Pathology/Laboratory

The Pathology Department at St. Joseph's consists of the following divisions:

- Surgical Pathology and Cytology
- Clinical Laboratory
- Blood Bank

The Department is directed by Pathologists who are physicians, Board-certified in Clinical and Anatomical Pathology. In addition, all laboratory sections are managed and staffed by highly qualified, degreed clinical laboratory scientists.

The Department is licensed by the State of New Jersey for both the Clinical Laboratory and the Transfusion Services (Blood Bank).

Accreditations and licenses for the Department include:

- College of American Pathologists (CAP)
- American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)
- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (Federal CLIA 88)
- Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The Pathology Department provides the following services:

- Automation Lab (Hematology, Chemistry, Immunochemistry, Coagulation, Urine Analysis)
- Microbiology
- Serology/Immunology
- Blood Bank (Transfusion, Services)
- Special Coagulation
- Histology
- Cytology

The Department is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for inpatient service.

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Kathryn Pokk, Customer Service/Logistics Manager

Weixi Wang, Histology/Cytology Manager

Pediatric Pharmacy Services

The Department of Pharmacy Services provides specialized pediatric services to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital with a satellite pharmacy dedicated to pediatric inpatient care and a clinical pharmacist for pediatrics and neonatology. As strong advocates for medication safety in this vulnerable population, the Department of Pharmacy Services is committed to ongoing performance improvement to assure that the best care is delivered to our pediatric and neonatal patients.

The Pediatric Satellite Pharmacy operates 7 days a week and maintains stringent processes in dispensing patient-specific medication doses and high-risk medications.

Hospital pharmacists and technicians work with physicians and nurses to deliver safe and effective medication therapy to our patients. A clinical pharmacist dedicated to the Children's Hospital collaborates regularly with other healthcare providers on multidisciplinary patient care rounds and is actively involved in protocol and policy development and multidisciplinary committees. Clinical pharmacy services are also provided on a consultative basis to various pediatric subspecialties and outpatient care areas, such as the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic. Our team of pharmacists also provides education to medical, nursing and pharmacy staff and will also provide individualized education on discharge medications to patients and caregivers.

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Radiology

The Department of Radiology provides diagnostic x-ray and imaging services to outpatients, inpatients and emergency patients of St. Joseph's University Medical Center.

Situated throughout the health system's two campuses, Radiology operates at four distinct sites: St. Joseph's University Medical Center

in Paterson, St. Joseph's Ambulatory Imaging Center in Clifton, St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center in Wayne, and University Imaging at St. Joseph's on the Wayne campus.

A full array of imaging services is provided within the health system, including diagnostic and interventional x-ray, ultrasound, 3-D mammography, CT and MRI scan, Nuclear Medicine and PET scan. All exams are read by the radiologists of Imaging Subspecialists of North Jersey, the premier professional group of subspecialized radiologists in northern New Jersey.

Special attention is given to the special needs of the pediatric patient population, including prompt service by our trained technical and nursing staff, distraction techniques such as video goggles and headphones to help avoid sedation where possible and imaging interpretations by specialized pediatric radiologists.

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Rehabilitative Services

Physical Therapy

The Physical Therapy Department (PT) at St. Joseph's offers a comprehensive program for all patients. The pediatric patient population is served by pediatric physical therapists, who will integrate a variety of handling techniques and physical modalities to achieve developmental milestones and motor skill goals for both the inpatient and outpatient population. Sensory integration and neurodevelopmental approaches are incorporated into each plan of care. The pediatric physical therapist also support the Neuromuscular program, performing PT evaluations for Botulism Toxin injections, Serial Casting as well as the Craniofacial center and other orthopedic programs. Specialty equipment and orthotic needs are addressed on an individual basis.

Services:

- Pre-Education
- Ergonomics
- Pre- and Post-evaluation of Botulism Toxin injections
- Serial Casting

Occupational Therapy

The Department of Occupational Therapy (OT) at St. Joseph's cares for pediatric and adult patients whose lives have been disrupted by physical injury, illness, social, developmental and psychological difficulties. The Occupational therapist will work on improving strength, range of motion, motor control and coordination that may be used to enhance the skills needed to perform these tasks. An occupational therapist may also evaluate and treat hand injuries, cognitive, perceptual or visual deficits that impact independence.

Services:

- Therapeutic activities
- Exercise
- Modalities
- Splinting
- Adaptive equipment

Speech Therapy

The Speech-Language Pathology Department offers diagnostic and therapeutic services to children with a wide variety of speech and language disorders. Comprehensive evaluations and treatments are provided in English and Spanish by a professional staff of speech-language pathologists. All speech-language pathologists are licensed by the State of New Jersey and hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech Language Association (ASHA).

Evaluations and therapy are provided for many communication disorders including articulation disorders, delayed speech and language development, autistic spectrum disorder, vocal cord dysfunction, voice disorders, stuttering and language and cognitive dysfunction.

Early Intervention Program

Children develop at different paces, but there are developmental milestones that children should reach by certain times during the first three years of their lives. When children fail to reach these milestones, parents and other caregivers should consider contacting Early Intervention for an evaluation. The New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS), under the Division of Family Health Services, implements New Jersey statewide system of services for infants and toddlers from birth to age three, with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/

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Social Services/Care Management

Social Services

Social Services specialize in inpatient and outpatient family support. Families are connected with outside community agencies to provide ongoing services.

The staff is involved in many programs throughout the institution, including The Child Development Center, Child Protection and Safety Program, Teen Obstetrical Program, NICU, PICU, General Pediatrics, and Adolescent Units, Early Intervention and Dialysis Programs and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Care Management

Care Management is a collaborative team approach to assure that the patient:

- Moves through the hospital stay with a minimum of barriers that could delay recovery
- Receives medically necessary care with the right amount of resources
- Receives a coordinated, timely, efficient and safe discharge plan

Care Management Department:

- Provides utilization review (clinical information) to substantiate the need for inpatient care and confirms reimbursement
- Assures compliance with State and Federal regulatory standards and timeframes and interacts with the associated administrative agencies
- Is made up of Nurse Care Managers and Social Workers

Nurse Care Manager (NCM):

- The unit-based Nurse Care Manager will collaborate with you to assure the inpatient care meets medical necessity guidelines.
- St. Joseph's utilizes Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG) to initially determine if the admission meets recognized standards (medical necessity) for inpatient care.

- The NCM will apply these guidelines based upon the physician's documentation.
- When necessary, the NCM will speak with the physicians involved with the patient's care to obtain further clarification of medical necessity or admission appropriateness.
- The NCM will notify the Physician Advisor if documentation does not support the appropriateness of an acute care admission.
- The NCM will assist with facilitating inpatient care, coordinate discharge planning and arrange for necessary services and equipment (DME-Durable Medical Equipment) to facilitate a safe discharge plan.

Social Worker:

- The Master's-prepared Social Worker will manage those social and economic issues that have been identified by the interdisciplinary team.
- The Social Worker will coordinate the guardianship process for the mentally incapacitated without caretakers.
- The Social Worker will assess for and refer to entitlement programs and community based resources.
- The Social Worker will organize family conferences, and provide emotional support for high risk diagnoses, terminal illness and fetal demise cases.
- The Social Worker will facilitate hemodialysis, post discharge facility placement for rehabilitation, and difficult community discharge placements.
- The Social Worker will support the palliative care and hospice referral process.
- The Social Worker may facilitate the indigent medication process, after a thorough assessment of the patient's resources, medication needs, medication coverage and costs.

Each inpatient unit has a care manager and a social worker assigned. Your nursing staff has the telephone number or pager available on each unit.

You are welcome to visit each unit's Care Management staff for any questions, discuss the patient's plan, or seek assistance with facilitating care.

Contact information

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Pediatric Subspecialty Centers



Helping Kids Be Kids

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital offers the expertise of Board-certified pediatric subspecialists across a variety of medical and surgical concentrations.

Care is provided in the Children's Hospital in Paterson and within subspecialty centers in Hoboken, Paramus and Wayne.

Pediatric Subspecialties at Hoboken

158 14th Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

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Pediatric Subspecialties at Paramus

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Pediatric Subspecialties at Paterson

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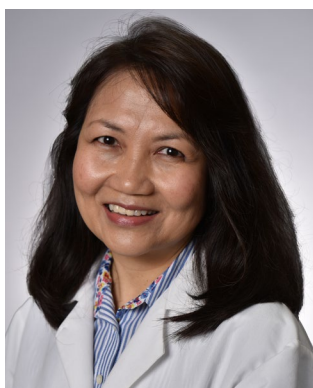
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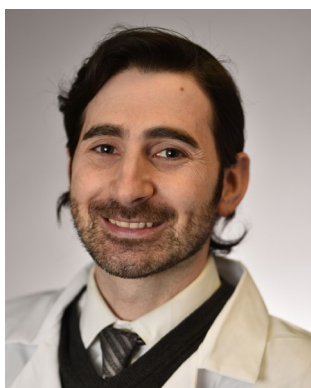
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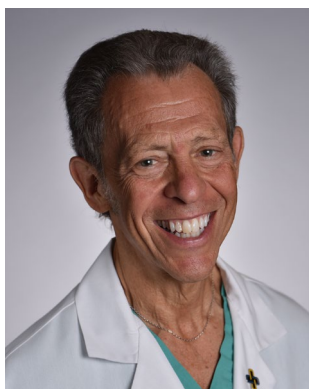
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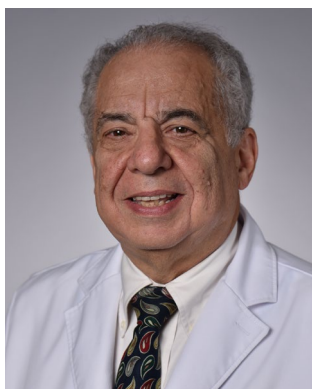
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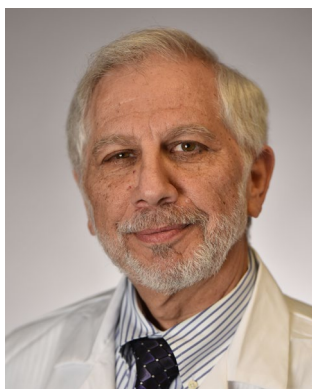
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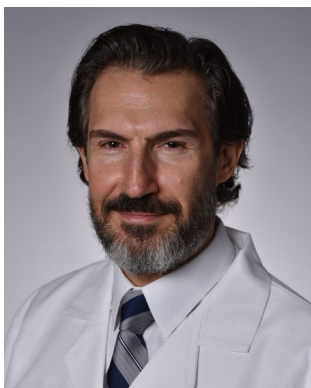
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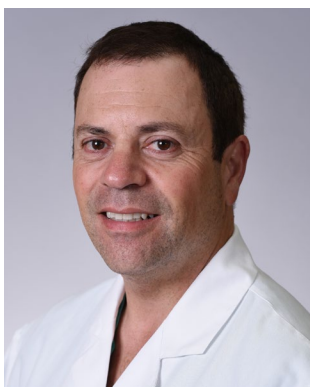
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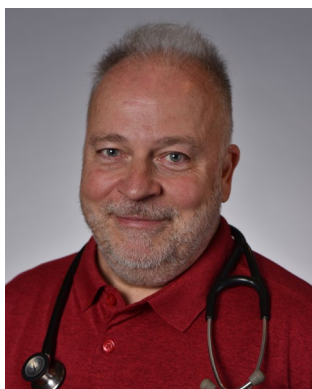
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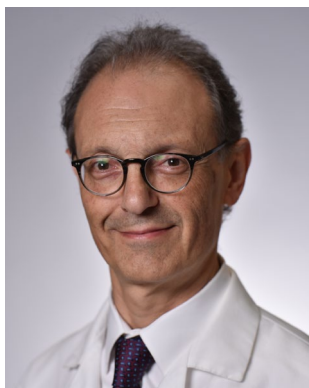
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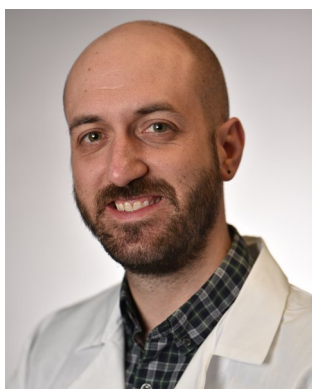
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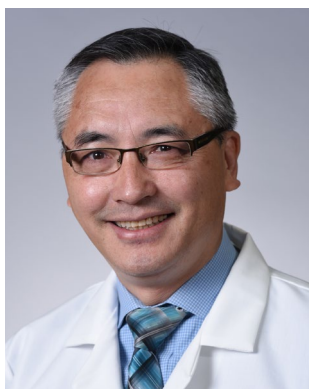
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