

# Pediatric Surgery

The Pediatric Surgery Division at Children's Hospital Central California specializes in the repair of birth defects and acquired conditions in infants, children, and adolescents. Our general pediatric surgeons are responsible for over 3,000 of the 9,000 surgeries performed at Children's every year. Surgeons perform more than 200 different surgical procedures, some fairly common and others relatively rare. Procedures are performed on an inpatient, outpatient and emergency basis. A high volume of both inpatient and surgical cases, combined with diverse training from national centers of excellence, give our surgeons a level of experience that cannot be found elsewhere in our region.

This experience means a lot to our patients and their families. Often our patients experience shorter lengths of stay and better outcomes. Whenever possible our surgeons use less invasive surgical techniques (i.e., laparoscopies with small incisions), adopting nationwide best practices and providing compassionate care through multidisciplinary teams who have broad experience with children. We also offer minimal blood-loss techniques whenever appropriate.

General pediatric surgeons work closely with the Hospital's subspecialists and subspecialty surgeons.

## Children's Access Center

24/7 access for referring physicians

**(866) 353-KIDS (5437)**

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## Outpatient Referral

Referral forms online at: [www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer](http://www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer)

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A pediatric surgeon has completed a five-year residency in general surgery, plus a two-year fellowship in pediatric surgery, and is certified by the American Board of Surgery in both general and pediatric surgery.

The following patients should be referred to a pediatric surgeon:

Infants and children with perforated appendicitis should be cared for by a pediatric surgeon. If a non-pediatric surgeon makes the diagnosis or suspects the diagnosis of perforated appendicitis in a child, the child should be transferred to the care of a pediatric surgeon.

Infants, children, and adolescents with solid malignancies should be cared for from the outset by a pediatric surgeon or pediatric surgical specialist and a pediatric medical cancer specialist.

Minimally invasive procedures (e.g., laparoscopy, thoracoscopy) in infants and children should be performed by a pediatric surgeon trained in these techniques.

Infants and children with medical conditions that increase operative risk (e.g., congenital heart disease) who must undergo a common surgical procedure (e.g., hernia repair) should be cared for by a pediatric surgeon.

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| Condition         | Pre-referral Workup  | When to Refer  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Appendicitis      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CBC</li> <li>-CRP</li> </ul>  | Send to Emergency Department as soon as possible   |
| Dermoid Cyst      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History and physical</li> <li>- If there is a concern of deep involvement on the face, orbit or scalp, CT or other imaging</li> </ul> | <p>If it becomes painful, inflamed, changes in color or size or becomes a cosmetic issue</p> <p>If located on face, refer to Plastic Surgery</p>   |
| Gallstones        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History and physical examination</li> <li>- Ultrasound/HIDA w/ GB PDSC</li> <li>- Liver function studies</li> </ul>                   | Positive physical findings or scan   |
| GER               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H2 blocker</li> <li>- PPI</li> <li>- UGI, swallow study, pH probe study, endoscopy</li> </ul>   | Secondary referral after Gastroenterology consult  |
| Umbilical Hernia  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History and physical</li> </ul>   | <p>If persistent in a child &gt; 4 years old or in a younger child with a large (&gt;2cm) defect or proboscis type hernia</p> <p>Refer to Emergency Department if incarceration is suspected</p> |
| Epigastric Hernia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History and physical</li> </ul>   | Positive physical findings   |

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| Inguinal Hernia                      | - History and physical   | Refer to Emergency Department if incarceration is suspected<br>Urgent referral if child is < 6 months old<br>Routine referral if child is > 6 months old |
| Communicating Hydrocele              | - History and physical   | Treat as inguinal hernia using above guidelines  |
| Hydrocele                            | - History and physical   | Routine referral to surgery if persisting beyond 1 year of age   |
| Pectus Carinatum/Excavatum           | - History and physical<br>- R/O connective tissue or genetic disorder (e.g., Marfan's syndrome)<br>- CT / PFT / ECHO | If patient is in distress or as indicated by imaging<br>Upon family request<br>Pre-adolescence   |
| Perirectal/Perianal Abscess          | - History and physical   | Refer if patient experiences recurrent episodes or persistent drainage   |
| Pyloric Stenosis                     | - History and physical<br>- Serum electrolytes<br>- Ultrasound   | Send to Emergency Department as soon as possible   |
| Sacrococcygeal Pilonidal Disease     | - History and physical   | Refer if symptomatic   |
| Cryptorchidism or Undescended Testes | - History and physical<br>- Ultrasound   | Positive physical findings or scan   |

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| Prenatal Anomaly - Fetal Diagnosis<br>- Abdominal wall defect<br>- Intestinal obstruction<br>- Diaphragmatic defects<br>- Chest mass<br>- Conjoined twins<br>- Choledoeal cyst or biliary disorders<br>- Oranan cysts | - Maternal - Fetal perinatal evaluation and high resolution fetal ultrasound<br>- Amniocentesis results or karyotype, if known | Positive physical findings or scan   |
| Infant Ovarian Cyst   | - History and physical<br>- Abdominal and pelvic ultrasounds   | Positive physical findings or scan   |
| Lymphadenopathy   | - History and physical (including antibiotic history)<br>- PPD or other skin testing   | Positive physical findings or scan   |
| Fecal Incontinence  | - History and physical (including prior surgical intervention)   | Positive finding for anorectal malformation (imperforate anus) or Hirschsprung's disease<br><br>Approaching school age and still in diapers during the day |
| Skin and Soft Tissue Masses<br>- Dermoid / sebaceous cyst<br>- Pilomatrixoma<br>- Lipoma<br>- Vascular malformation (not on face)   | - History and physical (including antibiotic history)<br>- Photographs if vascular lesion                                      | Positive physical findings<br>Suspected malignancy<br>Vascular lesion  |
| Head and Neck Masses<br>- Brachial cleft anomaly<br>- Thyroglossal duct cyst  | - History and physical   | Positive physical finding  |

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## Insurance Plans\*

Aetna EPO/HMO/PPO

AllCare IPA

Bakersfield Family Medical Center/ Heritage Physician Network

Blue Cross HMO/ Prudent Buyer PPO/ Healthy Families EPO

Blue Cross Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families HMO

Blue Shield HMO/ PPO/ Healthy Families

Capp Care (Beachstreet)

Catholic Healthcare West-Bakersfield

CCS – California Children's Services

Central California Alliance for Health

Central Valley Medical Group CVMG

Choice Care

Cigna/ Greatwest

Delano Regional Medical Group

EHS IPA (Blue Cross Managed Medi-Cal Patients/Healthy Families)

Emmanuel Employee Benefit Plan

First Health/ CCN

Foundation HealthCare Administrators/ California Foundation for Medical Care

GemCare IPA/ Managed Care Systems

Health Net HMO/ PPO/ Healthy Families/ Healthy Kids

Health Net Medi-Cal / CalViva

Health Plan San Joaquin Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families

Hill Physician Medical Group

Interplan

Kaiser HMO/ Healthy Families/ Medi-Cal

Kern Health Systems Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families

Key /Mosaic Medical Group IPA

LaSalle IPA (Blue Cross Managed Medi-Cal)

Medicare

MediCal – California State

MedCore Medical Group

Multiplan/ PHCS

Sante IPA

Sutter Gould Medical Foundation

Sutter Hospital System (Modesto Memorial, Memorial Los Banos, Sutter Tracy)

TriWest (Formally TRICARE/CHAMPUS)

United HealthCare /PacifiCare

Universal Care

\* Contracted Status subject to change. If you have questions or to verify coverage please call 559.353.8800/888.824.5439