Parental Involvement

Each child’s success is strongly dependent upon parental involvement. Therapy does not stop when the child leaves the clinic, but must be carried through to the home environment. Pediatric Therapists specialize in working with parents and caregivers to ensure home programs are in place to make each child’s progress the best it can be.

Conditions that may benefit from Therapy services include:

- Auditory Processing Disorders
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Cancer / Leukemia
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cleft Palate
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Developmental Apraxia of Speech
- Developmental Delay
- Failure to Thrive
- Feeding and Swallowing Disorders
- Genetic Disorders/Birth Defects
- Hemophilia
- Language/Reading Disorders
- Orthopedic injuries or Surgery
- Sensory Integration Disorders
- Torticollis
- Tracheostomy and/or ventilator dependency
- And any condition that affects a child’s growth and development
The Pediatric Therapy Services Department is comprised of Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists. Our goal is to improve the quality of everyday life for young patients with developmental delays and special needs. Staff members work as a team to develop individualized therapy programs to optimize development and address rehabilitation. Our team approach and child-friendly environment help children reach age-appropriate and condition-appropriate goals. We want each child to reach his/her maximum potential.

How To Get A Child Referred For Therapy

You need a referral from your child’s Primary Care Physician or from a specialty doctor such as a Pediatrician, Pediatric Surgeon, Neurologist, Neurosurgeon or Pediatric Orthopedist.

Specially Trained Pediatric Therapists

Our therapists are specially trained in the field of Pediatric Therapy. They incorporate play into therapy sessions and are trained to be more sensitive to the emotional, psychological and physical needs of children.

Physical Therapy

Our physical therapists help children with movement activities that allow them to experience independent interactions with the world around them. Through play and special equipment, our staff promotes fine motor skills and large motor activities. These include but are not limited to:

- Promoting achievement of developmental milestones such as rolling, crawling and walking for infants and toddlers
- Improving balance and coordination skills through play
- Providing stretching and strengthening exercises
- Providing splinting and serial casting to maximize muscle and joint function
- Assisting families in obtaining specialized equipment including custom wheelchairs
- Trans-disciplinary management and treatment of spasticity

Occupational Therapy

A child’s occupation is to be a kid! Through the use of play, our occupational therapists help children acquire the skills needed for the job of living. These include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting independence in daily living skills-including dressing, grooming and feeding
- Facilitating developmental play skills
- Improving fine motor and eye/hand coordination skills
- Improving sensory processing skills such as organization, self-regulation and behavioral state
- Improving visual motor/visual perceptual skills including writing and coloring
- Addressing orthopedic complications and helping to increase function through the use of splinting, casting and forced use therapy as needed

Speech Therapy

Communication is a vital part of our society. Speech therapy is a fun learning experience that helps children develop skills to become confident and successful communicators. These include, but are not limited to:

- Improving receptive and expressive language skills
- Promoting socialization with family, peers and teachers
- Facilitating play skills
- Improving production of sounds so your child can be understood
- Improving oral motor strength for speech, eating and swallowing
- Providing home programs for improving speech, language, feeding and swallowing
- Promoting independence with communication
- Providing augmentative communication devices to increase communication
- Promoting appropriate expression of feelings such as frustration, fear, happiness and anger