Gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition programs

One of the leading pediatric programs in the country

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Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
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Leaders in pediatric care

Children are our focus. We understand the needs of our pediatric population and are dedicated to providing the best care just for them.

On average, Children's manages more than 1,350 gastroenterology inpatient cases and approximately 36,500 gastroenterology outpatient visits each year.

Our programs

Our team provides extensive pediatric expertise on gastrointestinal, liver and nutritional disorders. We have a number of specialized programs to treat a range of pediatric conditions.

**General gastroenterology**

We care for children and teens with general gastroenterology conditions such as:

- Abdominal pain
- Celiac disease
- Complex nutritional problems
- Diarrhea/constipation
- Feeding difficulties and tube-feed management (g-tube, etc.)
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Helicobacter pylori infection
- Pancreatitis (acute and chronic)
- Vomiting

**Aerodigestive disorders**

We embrace collaboration among pediatric gastroenterology, otolaryngology and pulmonary medicine. Patients also have access to voice disorder specialists, nutritionists and speech pathologists to provide comprehensive care in the same clinic for children with a combination of conditions such as:

- Asthma
- Chronic cough with or without reflux or laryngopharyngeal disease
- Feeding problems associated with oropharyngeal dysfunction with or without reflux and respiratory problems
- Hoarseness and noninfectious pharyngitis/laryngitis with or without respiratory issues
- Laryngopharyngeal diseases with coexisting esophageal and respiratory issues
- Recurrent aspiration and/or pneumonia with reflux and/or laryngopharyngeal issues
- Reflux/gastroesophageal reflux disease

**Colorectal**

Our team provides care for children with surgical diseases resulting in constipation, soiling, poor motility and pain as a consequence or complication of the disease. Our multidisciplinary team of surgeons and specialists see children with:

- Anorectal malformations
- Hirschsprung’s disease (requiring regular follow-up)
- Spina bifida

**Eosinophilic esophageal disease and allergic gastrointestinal disorders**

Our patients benefit from easy access to their providers. We offer a multidisciplinary approach with consultations from a gastroenterologist, allergist and nutritionist, all within the same clinic. We treat conditions such as:

- Allergic gastrointestinal disease (gastroenteritis)
- Eosinophilic esophagitis
- Food allergies that affect the gastrointestinal tract

**Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)**

Our comprehensive approach to care includes services such as Improve Care Now (ICN) and biologic infusions. Our team, which includes physicians, nurses and a nutritionist, provides patient-centered care for chronic conditions such as:

- Crohn’s disease
- Ulcerative colitis

**Integrated Enteral Feeds Advancement Team (IEAT)**

IEAT is a multidisciplinary clinic for patients with feeding tubes who might eventually be able to take most of their nutrition by mouth. This includes most children with feeding tubes.
Intestinal rehabilitation/short bowel syndrome
We care for patients who receive nutrition enterally and parenterally. Our approach requires close interaction among intestinal rehabilitation physicians, nutritionists, support services and pediatric surgical services. This collaboration achieves better long-term outcomes for children with conditions such as short-bowel syndrome secondary to:

- Necrotizing enterocolitis
- Congenital malformations

Liver disease
Our team of pediatric hepatologists treats a large variety of liver-related diseases and complications such as:

- Acute liver failure
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Biliary tract disease (biliary atresia)
- Chronic viral hepatitis
- Fatty liver disease and obesity
- Hepatitis (abnormal liver enzymes)
- Liver transplant
- Neonatal cholestasis and other childhood liver diseases
- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
- Portal hypertension
- Prolonged neonatal jaundice
- Rare metabolic diseases
- Sclerosing cholangitis
- Wilson disease

Neurogastroenterology and motility
Our team cares for children who have problems with the function of muscles or nerves of the digestive tract that can cause a variety of motility issues. We create a specialized treatment plan for each patient. We treat the following conditions:

- Achalasia (a disorder of the esophagus)
- Anorectal malformations
- Chronic intestinal pseudo obstruction
- Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing)
- Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, Type III
- Fecal incontinence (involuntary loss of stool)
- Functional abdominal pain
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- Gastroparesis (slow stomach emptying)
- Hirschsprung’s disease
- Imperforate anus (missing or blocked anal opening)
- Intractable constipation
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
- Motility disorders
- Recurrent vomiting
- Rumination (spitting up undigested food from the stomach)

Weight and nutrition
The Children’s Strong4Life clinic takes a holistic approach to treating obesity. Families complete a nutritional assessment with a registered dietician to develop family-based lifestyle changes, including medication, if needed, to improve long-term health. Our staff is equipped to treat conditions such as:

- Dyslipidemias
- Hypertension
- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
- Obesity

Camps for patients
Camp Oasis
Hosted by the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), this weeklong summer camp, held at Camp Twin Lakes in Winder, Ga., is for children grades 2 through 12 with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.
ccfa.org/get-involved/camp-oasis

Camp Strong4Life
Hosted by Children’s, this weeklong summer camp, held at Camp Twin Lakes in Winder, Ga., is for children ages 9 to 15 with a BMI greater than the 85th percentile. The camp team provides goal-setting and tracking, behavioral coaching, fitness coaching, nutrition counseling and meal planning, and emotional support.
Strong4Life.com/camp

Camp Weekaneatit
Hosted by the Georgia Celiac Foundation, this weeklong summer camp, held at Camp Twin Lakes in Warm Springs, Ga., is for children ages 8 to 17 with celiac disease or gluten intolerance and their siblings. This camp experience includes all gluten-free meals.
glutenfreecamp.org
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