

PEDIATRIC GENETIC COUNSELING

WHAT IS PEDIATRIC GENETIC COUNSELING?

A SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL CONCERNS

DIAGNOSIS

Investigate the cause of or risk for a rare condition or symptoms in your child

LEARN

Prepare for what your child's health future holds and how to optimize it

APPROPRIATE FROM BIRTH - AGE 18

CARE

Find out what medical care your child may need and come up with a plan of action for this

SUPPORT

Meet healthcare providers who understand your case & other families impacted by this condition



MAY BE HELPFUL FOR KIDS WITH:

- developmental delay
- an autism spectrum disorder or neurodivergent behavior
- birth defects or many health concerns
- metabolic disorders
- abnormal physical features
- family history of a genetic condition
- a known or suspected genetic condition



WHO IS A PEDIATRIC GENETIC COUNSELOR?

A health care provider who aims to support you and your family, answer questions, and provide emotional support and resources to learn more about your child's condition or symptoms

GENETIC TESTING



BEST TEST

Your child's genetic counselor may discuss genetic testing to look into an explanation for your child's symptoms



TEST RESULTS

They will also prepare you for and disclose genetic test results to you



IMPACT OF TESTING

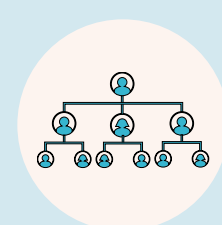
Genetic test results can help guide the child's medical care and sometimes guide treatment. This plan of care will ultimately be up to you and your child's doctors

PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT



RECORDS

Compile your child's medical records and any prenatal screening or testing done during their pregnancy



HISTORY

Talk to your family members about their health history



QUESTIONS

Prepare a list of any questions or concerns you want addressed by the genetic counselor