

Texas Children's Hospital General Pediatrics Consult Service

Thank you for the referral. We will make every effort to best meet your needs.

Who We Are: Texas Children's General Pediatrics Consult Clinic was established in September 2014 by Dr. Jan Drutz (past Director for the Primary Care Continuity Teaching Program for Pediatric Residents at Texas Children's Hospital – over 40 years of Pediatric experience), Dr. Armando Correa (Board Certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Infectious Disease – over 20 years of Pediatric experience) and an RN Clinic Nurse Coordinator.

Our Purpose: To serve as an accessible resource for pediatricians and other physicians caring for children who are seeking medical consultation for patients presenting with particularly difficult diagnostic challenges. To date, our providers have seen medical challenges that consist of diagnosis such as periodic fever syndromes, lymphatic conditions, dermatological problems, allergic reactions, musculoskeletal disorders and more.

Our Process: We **must** receive a referral from the patient's referring provider **and** a completed Consult Request Form. Once these two items are received, the Clinic's Nurse Coordinator gathers all relevant information and presents the case to our weekly clinic board. If the request is appropriate for our clinic, the family is contacted by the Nurse Coordinator to schedule an appointment.

Our Providers see patients, most often, only for a one-time visit to assess the case. In most cases, no follow-up visit is needed. However, the providers may request a patient return for a one-time follow-up visit only, perhaps to discuss lab results. At the conclusion of the consult, parents are instructed to return to their referring physician for further care and attention.

(Consultants are not seeking patients for ongoing care and do not want to become the patient's primary care physician.) Following the consult visit, the consultant sends a summary note to the referring provider inclusive of history and physical, diagnostic possibilities and additional recommendations or suggestions.

We are here to help you face your challenging cases.

Thanks for entrusting us.

Texas Children's Hospital General Pediatrics Consult Team

******This clinic ONLY accepts referrals for consultations/second opinions of difficult to diagnose cases. We DO NOT accept consultations for specialty care******