

A visible disfigurement – especially on the face – can negatively impact a child's self-esteem during critical years of development. Our pediatric Plastic Surgery practice specializes in the surgical correction and management of congenital and acquired conditions.

Our team of board-certified, pediatric plastic surgeons performs about 1,100 operations a year. Surgical procedures are done when possible on an outpatient, day-surgery basis, which reduces stress for the child and family, and speeds recovery time. Our exceptional depth and breadth of child and family-centered services help your patients improve their quality of life.

Our dedicated pediatric plastic surgery team provides expert diagnosis and management of a wide range of injuries and disorders, including specializing in:

- Trauma: Fractures and other facial injuries
- Craniofacial anomalies: Cleft lip and palate; jaw disorders, Stickler syndrome, microtia, Pierre Robin sequence; velocardiofacial syndrome; facial deformity; abnormal head shape; orthognathis maxillofacial reconstruction; complex reconstructive problems; oral lesions
- Vascular anomalies: Vascular malformations; hemangiomas
- Hand abnormalities: Webbed/missing/crooked fingers; complex/syndromic conditions; disorders such as infections, masses, ganglion cysts, cerebral palsy-related, trauma (fractures, tendon injuries)

Our Craniofacial Anomalies Clinic specializes in the surgical correction and management of cleft lip and palate and other maxillofacial reconstruction. Current standards of cleft care include multidisciplinary management by a qualified cleft palate team in accordance with American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association criteria. Our pediatric plastic surgeons collaborate with a variety of clinicians on the complex planning and delivery of treatment, including specialists from medical, surgical, dental, speech and hearing, as well as genetics, cardiology and psychology.

Our pediatric plastic surgery specialists are always available for consultations and urgent patient appointments.

Access Center

24/7 access for referring physicians
(866) 353-KIDS (5437)

Outpatient Referral

Referral forms online at valleychildrens.org/refer
FAX: (559) 353-8888

Plastic Surgery Office Numbers

Main: (559) 353-6277
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Physician Line: (559) 353-5598

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A pediatric plastic surgeon is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He or she has completed the requirements of residency training for board certification in plastic surgery (usually a total of five or more years of surgical and surgical specialty training), plus additional training in pediatric plastic surgery.

The following patients should be referred to a pediatric plastic surgeon:

Infants and children with congenital malformations of head and neck structures including the face and skull (e.g., cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis) should be referred to a pediatric plastic surgeon.

Infants and children with congenital malformations of the limbs (e.g., syndactyly) should be referred to a pediatric plastic surgeon.

Infants, children, and adolescents who are seriously burned or injured should be stabilized at a local hospital and then transferred to a pediatric burn/trauma center with a pediatric plastic surgeon as part of the treatment team.

Infants, children, and adolescents with large cutaneous pigmented or vascular lesions (e.g., nevi, port wine stains, arteriovenous malformations) should be referred to a pediatric plastic surgeon.

Infants, children, and adolescents with large soft-tissue tumors that, when excised, leave defects requiring tissue transfer or reconstruction are preferably cared for by a pediatric plastic surgeon.

Condition	Pre-referral Work-up	When to Refer
Cleft Lip and Palate, Facial and Jaw Deformities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Histories - family, pregnancy, surgical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At birth
Craniosynostosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Histories - family, pregnancy, surgical • Physical examination • Head and orbits CT • Pediatric ophthalmologic dilated fundoscopic examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As soon as diagnosed with a CD of imaging
Craniofacial/Facial Injuries or Paralysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and physical, tetanus status • For facial fractures, CT of face and coronal cuts • Dental films/panorex if suspected dental injury • Ophthalmologic examination if injury involves eyes/orbits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When overall status stable with a CD of imaging preferably within one week of injury
Extremity Injuries/ Deformities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History, tetanus status • Physical examination, identification of potential vascular injury • Plain film X-ray of injured/deformed parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When overall status stable with a CD of imaging preferably within one week of injury • Vascular injuries/replantation should be referred directly to microvascular centers
Skin Lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing lesion (e.g., color or size) • Symptomatic lesion (e.g., bleeding, pain) • Anatomic sensitive areas (e.g., eyelid, lips, nose, ears, fingers)
Tumors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and physical • Bony tumors image with CT scan • Soft tissue tumors image with MRI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumors of face and hand with a CD of imaging

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Breast/Chest Wall Deformities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and physical Endocrine work-up if necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persistent gynecomastia (> 1 year) after puberty Unilateral breast enlargement Symptomatic abnormality of breasts (e.g., pain, nipple discharge) Hypoplasia of breast/chest wall (e.g, Poland's)
Pigmented Moles, other Lumps and Bumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as diagnosed
Vascular Lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as diagnosed
Burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small isolated burns that do not meet burn center criteria Post-burn contracture/deformity
Hand Injuries/Anomalies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syndactyly Polydactyly Amputations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and physical X-ray to determine bone involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as diagnosed



Pediatric Plastic Surgery Consultant Reference Guide

Valley Children's contracts with the following health plans for hospital and physician services.*

If you have questions, please call us at **(559) 353-7238** to speak with a contracting representative.

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 / CCA
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

*Plans may be subject to change.