

Hematology

Specializing in the diagnosis and management of hematological disorders, the Hematology Practice at Children's Hospital Central California provides consultations 24 hours a day. We provide care for a large pediatric patient population with iron deficiencies, thalassemia and Fanconi anemia. We are also treating a handful of Diamond-Blackfan anemia patients.

Our team provides blood transfusions, platelet transfusions and immune globulin infusions onsite for our pediatric patients who require these regimens.

Our Hemophilia Treatment Center is involved in the Center for Disease Control's ongoing Universal Data Collection project, which benefits our bleeding disorder population. The Center has participated in the blood safety and surveillance study since 2001.

Children's Hematology Department has partnered with Children's Hospital Oakland to offer some of the newest treatments available for thalassemia, sickle cell disease, and iron-overload.

A pediatric hematologist has completed three years of training as a fellow in pediatric hematology and oncology. This follows completion of a three-year pediatric residency and four years of medical school education.

The following patients should be referred to a pediatric hematologist: Children with known or suspected blood or bleeding disorders.

Children's Access Center

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

Outpatient Referral

Referral forms online at: www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer
FAX: (559) 353-8888

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The following guidelines may not apply to many individual patient situations. Please contact us any time at the numbers provided to discuss your case further.

Diagnosis/Signs & Symptoms	Initial Work-up	When to Refer
Anemias		
Iron deficiency	- Other key history: diet, blood loss -Labs: CBC, retic, iron, TIBC, ferritin, lead	Hemoglobin < 9 and/or non-responsive to oral iron administration
Hereditary spherocytosis	- Other key history: family history [autosomal dominant inheritance]	Confirmed or suspected diagnosis of hereditary spherocytosis, and/or hemoglobin < 9
Sickle cell; Thalassemia	- Labs: CBC, retic, bili, hemoglobin electrophoresis	Confirmed or suspected diagnosis of thalassemia and/or sickle cell anemia, and/or hemoglobin < 9
Thrombocytopenia	- Labs: CBC	Platelet count < 150
Neutropenia	- Labs: CBC, retic, bili, osmotic fragility test	ANC < 1000
Menorrhagia and/or Epistaxis and/or Easy Bruising	- Labs: CBC, PT, PTT, platelet function analysis, von Willebrand factor Ag and activity, factor VIII activity	If labs abnormal, or bleeding/bruising significant even if labs are normal/not done
Bleeding disorders		
von Willebrand disease	- Labs: PTT, platelet function analysis, von Willebrand factor Ag and activity and multimer analysis, factor VIII activity	Confirmed or suspected diagnosis of von Willebrand disease

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Hemophilia	- Labs: PTT, factor VIII and/or IX activity	Confirmed or suspected diagnosis of hemophilia
Neutropenia	- Labs: CBC	ANC < 1000

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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/ CCN

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

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