

# Infectious Disease

The Infectious Disease Practice at Children's Hospital Central California provides inpatient and outpatient diagnosis and management of children with suspected or proven infectious diseases. Our team works closely with other services, as infectious disease management can be critical in treating patients' other medical conditions. In addition, we are tasked with hospital infection control, working to control and eliminate nosocomial infections in the inpatient population.

## Children's Access Center

24/7 access for referring physicians

**(866) 353-KIDS (5437)**

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## Outpatient Referral

Referral forms online at: [www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer](http://www.childrenscentralcal.org/services/medicaloffice/refer)

FAX: (559) 353-8888

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## Infectious Disease Office Numbers

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Physician Liaison: (559) 353-7229

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# Pediatric Gastroenterology Consultant Reference Guide

A pediatric infectious disease subspecialist has completed a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in pediatric infectious disease.

Patients who should be referred to a pediatric infectious disease subspecialist include the following:

Patients with prolonged or recurring fever, lymph node infections, congenital infections, bone and joint infections, and Coccidioidomycosis (valley fever).

**Exclusions:** The following infections and conditions are not seen in the outpatient Infectious Disease clinic:

-Uncomplicated recurrent MRSA skin infections. (For such patients, an informational MRSA handout will be available at the primary care provider's request.)

-HIV infection

-Chronic fatigue syndrome

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Recommended workup and referral criteria for selected conditions typically managed in the outpatient setting.

Diagnosis/Symptom	Initial Workup	When to Refer
<b>Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever)</b>	Coccidioides complement fixation and immunodiffusion titers, CBC, ESR, C-reactive protein. Chest X-ray and other imaging studies as appropriate.	Active pulmonary or extra-pulmonary disease.
<b>Lymphadenopathy</b>	CBC w/differential, ESR, CRP; PPD; Chest X-ray Consider: Bartonella IgM, IgG, EBV serology	When present for 6 weeks or more without resolution, or enlarging; when unresponsive to antibiotic treatment; if PPD positive.
<b>Persistent Fever without Source</b>	Caregiver to record a daily fever diary for at least 2 weeks and include notation of associated symptoms such as: -Weight loss, night sweats, skin rash, etc.  Laboratory studies: -CBC w/differential -ESR, C-reactive protein -PPD -Blood and urine cultures -EBV serology -Bartonella serology	->10 days of daily fever without identifiable source -Weight loss -Worsening systemic symptoms -Elevated inflammatory markers
<b>Recurrent Fever</b>	Caregiver to record a daily fever diary to document time course and pattern of fevers, and include notation of any associated symptoms, such as: -Weight loss -Lymphadenopathy -Oral ulcers, pharyngitis -Hepatosplenomegaly  Laboratory testing: -CBC w/differential -ESR, C-reactive protein	When present for 3 months or more without identifiable source.

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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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