

# Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Physiatry)



Pediatric physiatrists, also known as physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians, are medical doctors who specialize in the rehabilitation care and medical management of children with conditions that impact their neurologic, muscular and/or skeletal systems such as cerebral palsy, brain injury, spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, neuromuscular disorders, musculoskeletal conditions and chronic pain. They understand how cognitive and physical disabilities affect growth and development and they work with patients and families by leading a comprehensive rehabilitation team to develop and direct individualized treatment.

## About the Physiatry Team

Children's Specialized Hospital employs seven board certified physiatrists and with about only 250 in the country, this makes us one of the largest programs in the country. Not only are we improving your access to care but under the coordination of our physiatrists, your child will receive the comprehensive care they need all in one place. **These services include:**

- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Speech and language therapy
- Feeding therapy
- Developmental pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Orthopedics
- Neurology



**Our physiatrists diagnose, develop treatment plans, prescribe medication, and perform procedures for conditions including:**

- Brain or spinal cord injuries or problems
- Bracing, wheelchair, or other equipment needs
- Cerebral Palsy
- Difficulty with walking (e.g. toe walking, intoeing) etc.
- Excessive drooling, jaw clenching, or open mouth posture
- Hypotonia/floppy muscles
- Muscle, bone, joint or nerve pain (e.g. knee pain, elbow pain)
- Etc.



Learn more and hear our patients' stories:

