



Pediatric ENT

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An Otolaryngologist- Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist (ENT), is a doctor specializing in diagnosing and treating conditions of the ears, nose, throat, head, and neck. A Pediatric ENT provides care tailored to the needs of infants and children.

Why an ENT is beneficial to children with hearing loss:

Hearing is an important part of a child's development. When hearing loss is detected early intervention through providers and resources can teach strategies to navigate the hearing loss.

Pediatric ENTs aid in diagnosis and treatment through the following methods:

- Work in collaboration with pediatric audiologists to perform comprehensive evaluations to determine the cause and extent of hearing loss in children.
 - Assessments include: hearing tests, physical examinations, and imaging studies (CT scan and MRI).
- Offer medical and surgical interventions, including before and after-surgery care.
 - After examination they will recommend the next steps which may also include a prescription for a hearing device.
- Provide consultation with specialists when ear, nose, or throat issues are present.
- Assist in identifying communication disorders in children. Collaboration with therapists and pediatric audiologists helps tailor treatment for each child.

Common conditions treated by Pediatric ENT include:

- **Otitis Media:** Middle ear infections that can lead to temporary hearing loss.
- **Chronic Ear Infections:** Repeated ear infections that can impact hearing.
- **Congenital Hearing Loss:** Hearing loss present at birth, which may be due to genetic factors or maternal infections during pregnancy.
- **Structural Anomalies:** Abnormalities in the ear's structure that may require surgical correction.
- **Cochlear Implantation:** Surgical implantation of cochlear devices for profound hearing loss.

You can review the recommendations from the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) for ENT providers here: https://www.cdc.gov/hearing-loss-children/media/pdfs/ENT_Guide.pdf