

# NEUROLOGY



**Neurology** is a medical specialty devoted to the study of the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and peripheral nervous system. Neurologists are physicians that are trained in the specialty of Neurology. Surgeons that operate on the brain and spinal cord are called Neurosurgeons.

**Child (or Pediatric) Neurologists** are physicians who take care of infants and children with neurological conditions. You might need to see a Child Neurologist if your child has one of the common neurological conditions listed below:

- seizures or epilepsy
- autism
- problems with learning or attention
- cerebral palsy
- abnormal muscle tone (may be increased or decreased)
- migraines and other types of headaches
- muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular syndromes
- brain injury or concussion
- tic disorders and Tourette syndrome
- neuroinflammatory diseases, such as multiple sclerosis
- strokes
- other symptoms or syndromes that can affect the nervous system

Many patients and families have questions about the difference between Neurology and Psychiatry. Psychiatrists are physicians who evaluate, diagnose and treat mental, behavioral, and emotional disorders, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and other disorders of mood and behavior. Neurologists often refer children to psychiatrists for management of these types of issues.

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