

What is a Pediatric Dermatologist?

If your child has skin conditions such as birthmarks, eczema, warts, or psoriasis, a *Pediatric Dermatologist* has the experience and qualifications to treat your child. Pediatric dermatologists treat a variety of pediatric skin conditions using the latest available treatment methods. Pediatric dermatologists treat children from birth through adolescence.

What kind of training do pediatric dermatologists have?

Pediatric dermatologists are medical doctors who have had

- Four years of medical school
- One year of specialty pediatrics internship training
- Two years of dermatology residency training
- One to 3 years of pediatric dermatology fellowship training

What types of treatments do pediatric dermatologists provide?

Pediatric dermatologists provide medical care for a variety of skin conditions. They generally provide the following services:

- Diagnosis and treatment of various skin conditions, including contact dermatitis, eczema, psoriasis, vitiligo, hives, warts, hemangiomas, birthmarks, and congenital skin disorders
- Prescription treatment of skin conditions
- Medical and/or surgical treatment of skin conditions such as warts and molluscum (pea-sized yellow or pink lumps)
- Surgical removal of molluscum, warts, and other small lumps in the skin (eg, cysts)
- Skin biopsies

Where can I find a pediatric dermatologist?

Pediatric dermatologists practice in a variety of medical settings, including children's hospitals, university medical centers, and large community hospitals.

Pediatric dermatologists—the best care for children

Children are not just small adults. They cannot always say what is bothering them. They cannot always answer medical questions, and are not always able to be patient and helpful during a medical exam. Pediatric dermatologists know how to examine and treat children in a way that puts them at ease. This includes examination and waiting rooms that may have toys, videos, and books for children. In addition, pediatric dermatologists use medical equipment designed for children.

If your pediatrician suggests that your child see a pediatric dermatologist, you can be assured that your child will receive the best possible medical care.

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