

Pediatric Specialist Guide

A referral guide for health care providers



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DENTISTRY

Pediatric dentistry is a specialty dedicated to the oral health of children from infancy through adolescence. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a highly specialized dental staff, the Department of Dentistry at Children's Hospital Boston is committed to providing comprehensive dental care to children of all ages. Working together with patients and their families, we teach children the importance of good oral health care and provide them the means to achieve it.

The department has expertise in the following areas:

- anatomy and development of the mouth and teeth
- cleft lip/cleft palate
- craniofacial anomalies
- dental emergencies
- dental rehab under general anesthesia
- early childhood caries (nursing bottle caries/baby bottle caries)
- fillings
- fluoride
- injuries to the teeth
- malocclusion
- natal teeth
- orthodontics and braces
- prosthetics
- temporomandibular joint dysfunction
- tooth decay (cavities or caries)
- toothache (pulpitis)
- wisdom teeth extractions

CLINICAL PROGRAMS:

Cleft Lip and Palate Program

Provides a wide range of diagnostic, treatment and follow-up services, including plastic surgery to repair cleft lip and/or palate, dental and orthodontic treatment to help align teeth and treat gum problems, speech therapy to improve speech skills and hearing tests to check for hearing problems. Our program also provides information, education and support to patients, their families and health care providers.

Scheduling: 617-355-6309

Craniofacial Anomalies Program

Provides a multidisciplinary approach to the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of children and adults with congenital or acquired facial deformities. Our team includes experienced specialists in audiology, dentistry, genetics, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, psychology and speech and language pathology, who are committed to providing patients with compassionate, world-class care.

Scheduling: 617-355-6309

Dental Care for Exceptional Patients

Offers care to patients who present special challenges. Our staff is well-trained and experienced in providing dental care for children who have difficulty cooperating due to age, medical status, developmental disabilities, intellectual limitations, or other special needs.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Dental Care of the Medically Compromised

Provides a wide variety of care to patients who are medically compromised. In addition to routine comprehensive care, our services include pre-procedural screenings for major medical procedures, emergency in-house dental services and full mouth dental rehabilitation on an outpatient basis.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Emergency Dental Care

Provides routine and emergency dental care on the fourth floor of the Hunnewell Building between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571 (during office hours) or 617-355-6363 (after hours for dentist on-call)

Endodontics (root canal treatment)

Provides root canal treatment, a routine endodontic procedure, involving the removal of remnants of the dental pulp, cleaning and shaping the dental canal and filling the root canal.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Specializes in evaluation and treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders (TMJ), facial trauma, care of patients with facial and dentoalveolar infections, and the removal of infected, malpositioned or impacted teeth. Our oral surgeons frequently work in conjunction with our orthodontists in the treatment of patients requiring orthognathic (jaw) surgery.

Scheduling: 617-355-6259

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Orthodontics

Offers comprehensive orthodontic services to children ranging from infancy to 15 years of age. Our staff of orthodontists is distinctively qualified in that all members are dually trained in both pediatric dentistry and orthodontics.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Pediatric Dentistry

Pediatric dentistry is an age-defined specialty that provides both preventive and therapeutic dental care for infants, children and adolescents.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Periodontics

Specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease.

Scheduling: 617-355-4737

Prosthodontics (crowns, bridges, full/partial dentures)

Prosthodontics is the branch of dentistry specializing in the restoration of the oral cavity through the replacement of missing or damaged teeth. Cosmetic dentistry such as veneers and bleaching are also available as part of our comprehensive treatment.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Stereotactic Appliance Program

Stereotactic radiotherapy is often performed by having the patient wear a frame positioned over the head with an intra-oral dental appliance to help secure it in position. The immobilization frame, fabricated by Childrens and Brigham and Womens Hospital Stereotactic Radiation Therapy Center, assures a high success rate because the dental appliance is well-tolerated and accurately relocatable.

Scheduling: 617-355-6571

Childrens Division of Dentistry sees patients at our Boston campus on the fourth floor of the Hunnewell Building.

COMMUNITY	LOCATION	SCHEDULING
Boston	Children's Hospital Boston 300 Longwood Avenue, Hunnewell-4	617-355-6571

To make an appointment please call the appropriate scheduling office telephone number above or visit childrenshospital.org/dentistry and select Request An Appointment.

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