Pediatric Surgery Program

The addition in summer 2013 of a second fellowship-trained pediatric surgeon to our developing pediatric surgery program means 24-hour call coverage and the ability to treat the majority of pediatric cases. Pediatric surgeon Kimberly Ruscher, MD, will partner with Garret Zallen, MD, who joined PeaceHealth from Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland earlier this year. Together, they will provide access to pediatric specialty care for the children and families of southern and central Oregon.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Two fellowship-trained pediatric surgeons, supported by a pediatric physician assistant
- Fellowship-trained pediatric anesthesiologist and special pediatric sedation for imaging
- Robust pediatric hospitalist program
- Strong partnerships with pediatric subspecialists in the community and at Oregon Health & Science University, including neurology, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, maternal fetal medicine, infectious disease and others
- Joint Commission-accredited Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with skilled neonatologists and perinatologists
- Pediatric friendly facilities, including pre-op and post-op rooms designed specifically for patients, a pediatric surgery waiting room, exam rooms and restrooms
- Parents are encouraged to accompany children during surgery prep and recovery
- Specialty trained and certified pediatric nursing staff

Minimally Invasive Pediatric Procedures

The benefits of minimally invasive surgery, such as less scarring, less pain and less time away from school and work, are particularly important for pediatric patients and their families.

- Thoracoscopic Nuss pectus excavatum repair
- Laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication
- Laparoscopic gastrostomy tube placement
- Laparoscopic pyloromyotomy
- Laparoscopic splenectomy
- Laparoscopic jejunostomy tubes
- Laparoscopic pull-through for Hirschsprung’s Disease
- Thoracoscopic lung resection and drainage
- Single-port laparoscopic appendectomy
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Laparoscopic colostomy and colectomy
Other Procedures Performed
Our pediatric surgeons also perform the full range of surgical procedures including:
- Hernia repair
- Undescended testicle repair
- Routine upper endoscopy
- Esophagoscopy and bronchoscopy
- Mediport placement and removal
- Rectal biopsy
- Oophorectomy
- Gastrochisis repair
- Gastrocutaneous fistula closure
- Muscle biopsy
- Small bowel resection

Physician Video
To view a video featuring Dr. Garret Zallen, use your Smartphone to scan the code below:

More physician videos are available at www.peacehealth.org/medpro.

TO REFER A PATIENT
To refer a patient to Drs. Zallen and Ruscher, call their office at 541-222-6135.

Referrals also may be made through the Patient Placement Center:
541-222-3000
866-267-9680 (toll free)
transfercoordinator@peacehealth.org

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