

Surgical Team

Frederick Alexander, MD, FACS, FAAP



A graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Alexander trained in general surgery at The Brigham and Women's Hospital in

Boston and in pediatric surgery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He was recruited to The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1991 to build an academic Department of Pediatric Surgery where he is currently Chairman. Dr. Alexander is past president of The Cleveland Surgical Society and has been voted as one of America's Top Doctors. He has made a number of original contributions to pediatric surgery in the areas of anorectal anomalies, inflammatory bowel disease and congenital gastrointestinal disease.

John DiFiore, MD, FACS, FAAP



A graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. DiFiore completed his general surgical residency at New England Deaconess Hospital and

Harvard Medical School in Boston. He was a postdoctoral research fellow in fetal lung development at Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School. He completed his specialty training in pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School, and was recruited to The Cleveland Clinic in 1998. He serves as Clinical Assistant Professor in

the Department of Surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Pediatric Surgical Association. His specialty interests include congenital diaphragmatic hernia, fetal surgery, neonatal surgery, congenital malformations and solid tumors.

Anthony Stallion, MD, FACS, FAAP



In the Department of Pediatric Surgery at The Children's Hospital at The Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Stallion specializes in minimally invasive surgery, Hirschsprung disease, pediatric

solid tumors, and burn and trauma care. With a joint appointment in The Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute's Department of Immunology, he also conducts basic research on intestinal injury, systemic inflammation, and multi-system organ failure. Dr. Stallion also serves as associate director for pediatric Trauma and Burns at MetroHealth Medical Center. He is a pediatric general and thoracic surgeon who earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, completion of residency at the University of Cincinnati Hospital, and pediatric surgery fellowships at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. He is a member of a wide variety of professional organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha, the American College of Surgeons, the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the American

Academy of Pediatrics, the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, and the Children's Oncology Group.

How to contact our Department?

To make an appointment with one of our surgeons, please call our appointment line at either:

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**IF YOUR CHILD
NEEDS SURGERY**



DEPARTMENT OF
PEDIATRIC SURGERY

What is pediatric surgery?

The Department of Pediatric Surgery is devoted exclusively to the management of surgical problems in infants and children. Members of this department are specially certified by the American Board of Surgery to treat congenital malformations, neoplasms, and inflammatory conditions occurring throughout childhood.

Pediatric surgery is not limited to an anatomic area of the body, such as the thorax or abdomen, but encompasses diseases that are unique to children or require special expertise. These diseases include:

- Cystic hygromas and tumors of the head and neck
- Chest wall deformities, such as pectus excavatum
- Malformations and tumors of the lung and mediastinum
- Esophageal atresia and congenital anomalies of the intestine
- Biliary atresia and hepatobiliary cysts and tumors
- Abdominal masses and tumors such as Wilm's tumor and neuroblastoma
- Pediatric colorectal diseases, such as imperforate anus, Hirschsprung's disease and inflammatory bowel disease.

Who refers patients for Pediatric Surgery?

In most cases, a patient is referred to a pediatric surgeon by a pediatrician or family practitioner who discovers a problem

that may require surgical treatment. Unborn babies are referred to pediatric surgeons by obstetricians when congenital defects are discovered by prenatal ultrasound.

Newborn babies are referred to pediatric surgeons by neonatologists for surgical problems that arise shortly after birth. Sometimes children are self-referred by their parents for the suspicion of a surgical problem.

What are some common symptoms and diagnosis treated by Pediatric Surgery?

- Abdominal Pain
- Abscess/Cellulitis
- Appendicitis
- Burns
- Extra digits (polydactyly)
- Failure to thrive / feeding problems
- Gall bladder attacks
- Gastric emptying delay
- Gastroesophageal reflux (GERD)
- Gastroschisis/omphalocele
- Hemangioma
- Hematoma
- Hepatoblastoma
- Hernia (inguinal, epigastric, umbilical, hiatal)
- Hirschsprung's Disease
- Hydrocele
- Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP)
- Incontinence (fecal and/or urinary)
- Intestinal obstruction

- Intussusception
- Keloid(s)
- Lipoma
- Lymphadenopathy
- ■ Malfunctioning Vascular Device(s)
- Mass/cyst/lesion/tumor
- Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)
- Ovarian torsion/cyst/lesion/tumor
- Pancreatitis
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)
- Pectus Carinatum (pigeon chest)
- Pectus Excavatum (funnel chest)
- Pediatric trauma / injury
- Phimosis (circumcision)
- Pyloric stenosis
- Rectal bleeding
- Short bowel syndrome
- Splenomegaly
- Syndactylism
- Thyroglossal duct cyst
- Torticollis
- Tracheoesophageal fistula (TEF)
- Umbilical remnant / granuloma
- Undescended Testicle(s)
- Volvulus

Why choose a pediatric surgeon rather than a general surgeon?

A surgeon who is board-certified in pediatric surgery has undergone an additional two years of specialized training beyond general surgery training, concentrating on the care newborns and children through age 19. This specialization allows them to provide

better care to this age group, because the needs of children are different from those of adults.

Patients are seen at several Northeast Ohio locations

- The Children's Hospital
Crile Building, Suite A120
(corner of E. 100th and Carnegie)
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44195
www.clevelandclinic.org/pediatrics
- Fairview Medical Center
18101 Lorain Avenue, Suite 233
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www.fairviewhospital.org
- MetroHealth Medical Center
Surgical Pavilion
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- Hillcrest Hospital
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