



Gynecology



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Chief

Boston Children's Hospital's Division of Gynecology is dedicated to providing females, from birth to age 22, with the highest quality medical care. Staffed by a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses and social workers who collaborate with specialists in surgery, urology and endocrinology, our practice includes routine gynecological examinations, diagnosis and treatment of female reproductive health issues.

Scheduling

Boston Children's Hospital

333 Longwood Avenue, 5th floor
Boston, MA 02115
617-355-7648 | childrenshospital.org/gynecology

Boston Children's Hospital at Lexington

482 Bedford Street
Lexington, MA 02420
781-672-2100

Boston Children's Hospital North

10 Centennial Drive
Peabody, MA 01960
978-538-3600

International

For families residing outside of the United States, please contact Boston Children's International Health Services, which facilitates the medical review of patient records and appointment scheduling and provides assistance with customs and immigration, transportation and hotel and housing accommodations.

01-617-355-5209 | childrenshospital.org/international
internationalcenter@childrens.harvard.edu

Highlights

- First and largest program in pediatric and adolescent gynecology in the country
- First multidisciplinary center for the treatment of congenital anomalies of the reproductive tract
- First long-term follow-up study of the effects of treatment on adolescent endometriosis
- Credited with the development of new techniques for preservation of ovarian tissue in cases of large ovarian masses

Areas of expertise

Our team evaluates and treats a wide range of conditions, including:

- Ambiguous genitalia
- Breast defects, infections and diseases (including masses)
- Congenital anomalies of the fallopian tube and broad ligament
- Congenital cervical anomalies
- Congenital disorders of the female reproductive tract
- Gynecologic issues of cancer patients and survivors
- Imperforate, microperforate and septate hymen
- Intersex disorders
- Labial hypertrophy and hypoplasia
- Menstrual/reproductive disorders
- Ovarian cysts and masses
- Pelvic pain, pelvic inflammatory disease and endometriosis
- Revision of female circumcision/mutilation procedures
- Sexually transmitted diseases, management of abnormal Pap smears and colposcopy
- Surgical repair of traumatic straddle, rape and puncture injuries
- Urethral prolapse
- Vulvar dermatologic abnormalities, lesions and masses

Clinical programs

Center for Congenital Anomalies of the Reproductive Tract

Provides medical, surgical, obstetrical and psychosocial consultation and care to females, from birth to age 22, with congenital or acquired structural abnormalities of the reproductive tract. Services include gynecology, radiology, nursing, social work, fertility specialty care and maternal-fetal medicine (high-risk obstetrics).

617-355-7648 | childrenshospital.org/reproductive

Center for Young Women's Health

Helps teen girls learn more about menstrual problems, endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, safety, eating disorders, nutrition and more.

617-355-7181 | youngwomenshealth.org

Pap Test Evaluation Clinic

Evaluates and manages abnormal Pap tests. Patients are referred to the clinic from within Boston Children's and from other health care sites in the greater Boston area to help detect infection, inflammation, abnormal cells and cancer.

617-355-7708 | childrenshospital.org/papeva

Research

Boston Children's Division of Gynecology conducts research that may lead to the development of new, more effective therapies to treat a wide range of gynecologic problems. Currently, groundbreaking research is being conducted in:

- Adolescent endometriosis
- Congenital anomalies of the reproductive tract
- Induction of amenorrhea in post-menarcheal patients undergoing bone marrow transplant
- Management of neonatal ovarian cysts
- Prophylactic laparoscopic oophorectomy for patients undergoing radiation therapy

Training

The Visiting Clinicians' Observational Program has been established for active clinicians to observe administrative, academic, clinical and outpatient services and surgery within our very active clinical pediatric and adolescent gynecology service. Participants in the program have the opportunity to choose from one of the following experiences:

- Two-day overview: Observe and participate in clinical services and learn about structuring administrative services, clinical activity and staffing, billing and diagnostic coding, and patient informational materials.
- Two-week program: Observe surgical procedures and participate in clinical activities, conferences and outpatient clinical services.
- Extended programs: Designed for gynecologists interested in outpatient and inpatient surgical techniques in pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Our team



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