



HOW CAN AN APPOINTMENT WITH A GENETICS SPECIALIST HELP YOUR CHILD?

Sometimes health issues can be caused by changes in our genes. **Genetics specialists** help families learn whether genetic changes may explain the health conditions in their child. They can also help connect families with appropriate care.

What can a genetics specialist do?



Look for a cause for the health challenges you are observing in your child



Explain what genetic tests could help make a diagnosis



Review the family history for any clues about a possible genetic condition



Discuss possible medical treatments



Refer your family for other helpful medical care



Connect you to other families, support groups, and family organizations

A visit to a genetics specialist may be helpful if your pediatrician is concerned about your child's



speech



learning/development



movement



growth



physical features



digestive/feeding issues



behavior



vision



hearing



heart defects



complicated medical issues

Talk to your pediatrician or medical home about a referral to genetics

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