



# IS AN APPOINTMENT WITH A GENETICS SPECIALIST RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?



Sometimes health or developmental 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.

**A visit to a genetics specialist can be helpful if you are concerned about your child's...**

 speech	 learning/ development	 movement	 growth	 physical features	 digestive/feeding issues
 behavior	 vision	 hearing	 heart defects	 complicated medical issues	

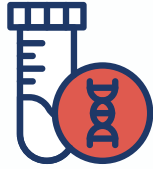
**or if...**

- you or your partner have been told you have a higher chance to have a child with a health or developmental issues
- you have a family member with a genetic condition
- you believe your family's medical issues could have a genetic explanation

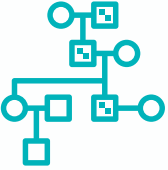
## What can a genetics specialist do?




Look for a cause for the health or developmental 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



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

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