

Center Overview

The Pediatric Otolaryngology team delivers comprehensive and personalized care for children with disorders of the ear, nose, throat and related structures.

Whether a child's health concern is routine or complicated, our team will provide the highest level of care to meet the unique needs of the child. Our specialty clinics offer compassionate support from the initial evaluation through surgical repair and recovery. The pediatric otolaryngology team participates in the following multispecialty teams and clinics:

- Aerodigestive Disorders
- Airway Reconstruction
- Cleft and Craniofacial Anomalies
- Cochlear Implants
- Complex Obstructive Sleep Disorders
- Hearing Loss
- Microtia / Ear Canal Atresia
- Thyroid Disorders
- Vascular Anomalies
- Velopharyngeal Insufficiency
- Voice and Swallowing

Otolaryngology Care Team – Peninsula and South Bay



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Areas of Expertise
Cochlear Implants,
Hearing Loss



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Aerodigestive Disorders,
Airway Reconstruction,
Vascular Anomalies,
Velopharyngeal Insufficiency



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Cochlear Implants,
Hearing Loss, Microtia,
Ear Canal Atresia



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Aerodigestive Disorders,
Airway Reconstruction,
Thyroid Disorders



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Airway Reconstruction,
Aerodigestive Disorders,
Voice and Swallowing Disorders



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Areas of Expertise
Microtia and Canal Atresia,
Cleft and Craniofacial,
Vascular Anomalies



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Aerodigestive Disorders,
Complex Obstructive Sleep Apnea



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Otolaryngology Care Team – East Bay and Tri-Valley

Conditions We Treat

Our Pediatric Otolaryngology team is recognized for its expertise in diagnosing, treating and managing a wide range of conditions that impact the airway, voice, hearing, speech and sinuses. Some of the conditions and areas we specialize in include:

Airway Disorders

- Stridor and noisy breathing
- Laryngomalacia
- Vocal cord paralysis
- Recurrent respiratory papilloma
- Laryngeal and tracheal stenosis
- Tracheostomy
- Foreign body in throat

Ear Disorders

- Hearing loss
- Ear infections (otitis media)
- Cholesteatoma (Skin cyst in middle ear)
- Ruptured eardrum

- Microtia and external ear deformities
- Cochlear implantation

Head and Neck Disorders

- Head and neck masses
- Enlarged or diseased lymph nodes in the neck
- Hemangiomas and other vascular malformations
- Salivary gland masses
- Thyroid tumors or masses
- Facial paralysis

Nasal Problems

- Chronic rhinorrhea or runny nose
- Nasal obstruction

- Nasal mass
- Sinusitis (sinus infection)
- Nosebleeds (epistaxis)

Throat Disorders

- Sleep apnea
- Tonsillitis and recurrent sore throats
- Hoarseness and voice disorders
- Vocal cord dysfunction
- Vocal cord lesions
- Vocal cord paralysis
- Swallowing problems
- Drooling
- Velopharyngeal insufficiency
- Tongue tie

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