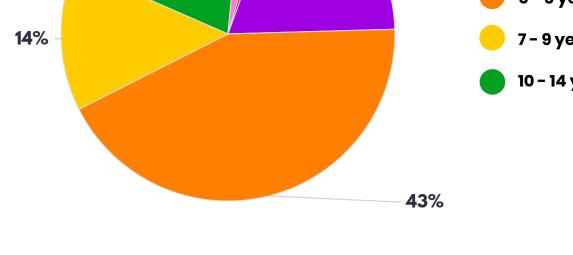
**KENNEDY KRIEGER INSTITUTE:** FEEDING OUTCOME DATA **FY 21** Who is treated in the Feeding Disorders

## Program at Kennedy Krieger?



25%

The Inpatient Program

for children who have

that require 24-hour

Diagnoses Treated

collectively, have a variety of diagnoses.

**Esophagitis** 

**Food allergies** 

patient and their family.

Behavior data specialists

Behavioral psychologists

Board-Certified Behavior Analysts

nursing, medical

interdisciplinary therapy

severe feeding difficulties

supervision, or fluid intake.

provides intensive.

Inpatient

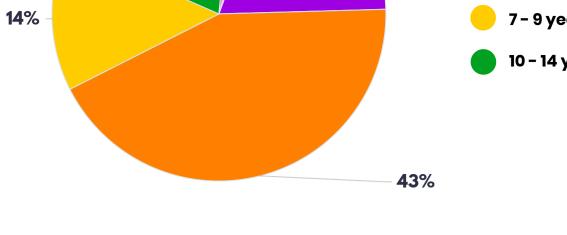
The Feeding Disorders Program treats children and adolescents who,

Failure to thrive

Food refusal

Previous patient diagnoses include, but are not limited to:

**Type of Treatment:** 



75%

**Day Treatment** 

Program is designed for

children who do not need

Feeding tube dependence

Gastroesophageal reflux disease

23%

11%

medical supervision, but

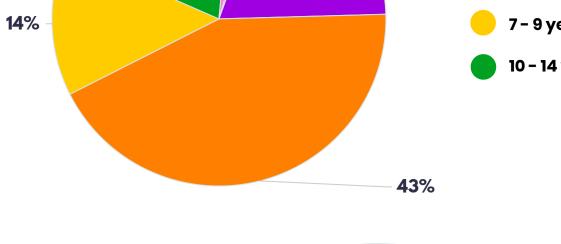
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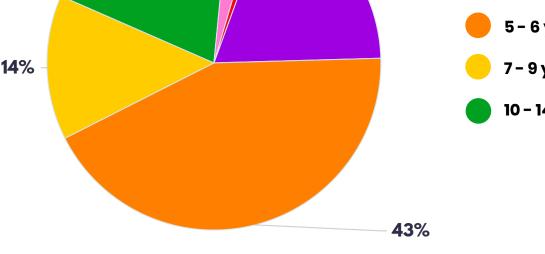
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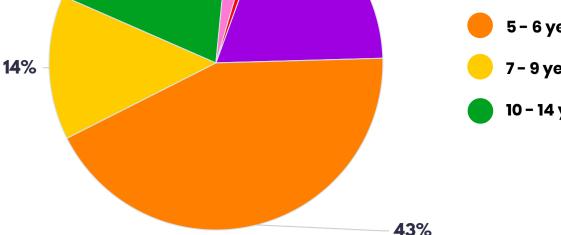
therapy than can be

outpatient basis.

The Day Treatment







19% 5 - 6 years 7 - 9 years 10 - 14 years

1%

3%

During fiscal year 2021\*, 70 patients were treated by the Feeding Disorders Program at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Below is a breakdown of the ages of those patients and the type of treatment they received: 20% 0 - 2 years 3 - 4 years

15 - 17 years

18 - 21 years

22+ years

**Oral sensory issues Oral-motor dysfunction Tantrums at mealtimes Chief Feeding Concern:** 

Food/Texture 67% Selectivity 67% Feeding Tube 23% Dependent Liquid Dependent 11%

The Feeding Disorders Program also specializes in treating children who have feeding challenges along with other disorders or concerns, such as autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome or premature birth. Interdisciplinary Team Patients with feeding issues may have complex needs. An experienced interdisciplinary treatment team works with every

 Clinical specialists Developmental pediatricians Developmental playroom specialists

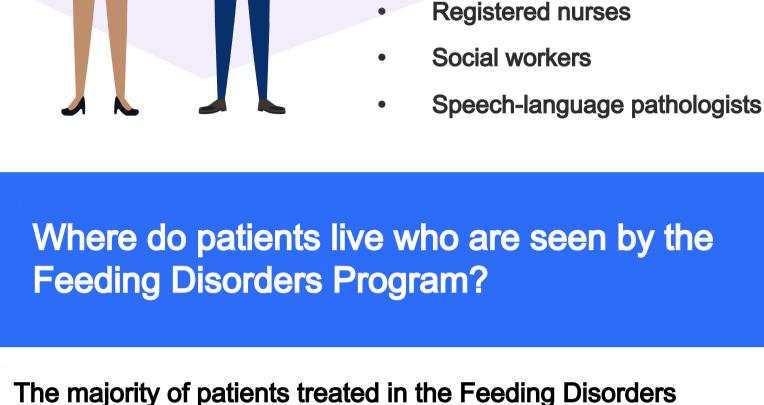
Nurse case managers

Occupational therapists

**Pediatric nutritionists** 

**Nurse** practitioners / Nurses

Pediatric gastroenterologists



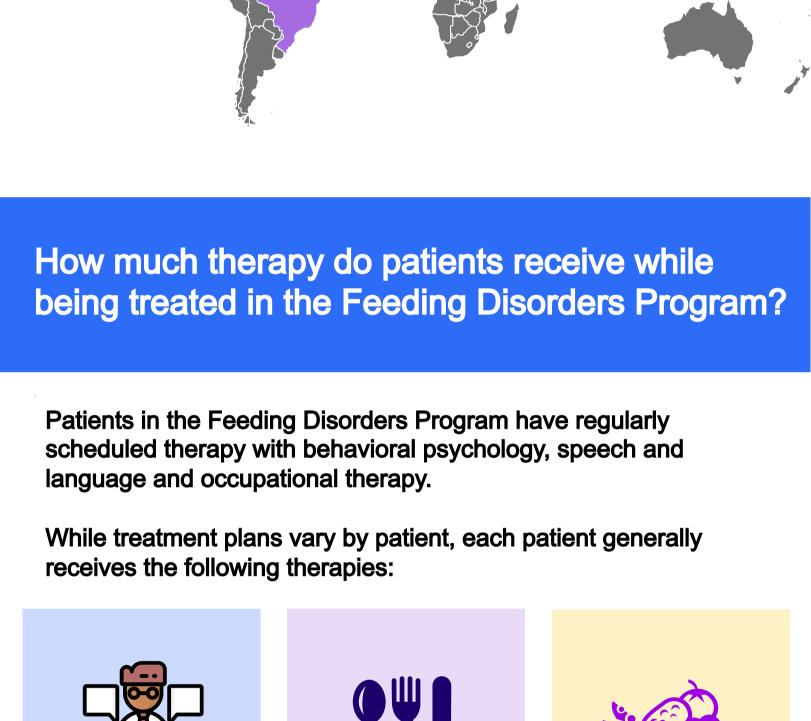
Program are from Maryland but many travel from across the

Since 2010, we have treated patients from 34 states

Germany, Brazil, Panama, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.

and 10 other countries including Netherlands,

United States or internationally to receive treatment.



Occupational Therapy

Conducts one to four

30-minute sessions

per week, as needed

Patients are monitored daily by medicine, nursing, nutrition and social work.

Patients may participate in structured, supervised play in one of the two

playrooms are not staffed on weekends; however, patients are welcome to

What happens if a patient gets acutely ill or has a medical

playrooms which are open for six hours Monday through Friday. The

Behavioral Psychology

Conducts three to

four one-hour meal

sessions daily

(Monday – Friday for

the day treatment program and seven days per week for the inpatient unit)

Kennedy Krieger has Advanced Life Support-certified medical staff members and nurses on-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the equipment and processes in place to respond to medical emergencies. Due to our proximity to and affiliation with The Johns Hopkins Hospital, we are

able to admit patients with intensive, but stable medical needs, such as those

Occasionally, these more intensive medical needs require unplanned transfers to acute care. In fiscal year 2021\*, no patients in the Feeding Disorders Program

care of their child while participating in the

Kennedy Krieger is committed to providing person

and family-centered care which is a collaborative

approach to the planning and delivery of services.

care principles of participation; collaboration;

information sharing; dignity and respect; and

 Parents participate in a steering meeting at the beginning of a child's admission to discuss the child's needs and goals for their admission.

equity, diversity and inclusion.

and education and training sessions.

Family meals may be conducted with parents and

Parents participate in a discharge meeting with the

Caregivers will be trained to implement an effective

In fiscal year 2020\*, the

program was 56 days.

expected to make?

of goals set at admission

were met by discharge.

25

20

15

10

5

0 - 4

Number of new patients

in the Feeding Disorders

average inpatient admission

siblings to simulate meals in the home and community.

interdisciplinary team at the end of child's admission to

mealtime protocol in preparation for discharge to home.

prepare for the transition into the home, community and school.

These include:

Our services reflect the person and family-centered

Individuals served and their family members are encouraged to participate in treatment planning, goal setting, family meetings,

How are patients and their family involved in the

required an unplanned transfer to an acute care setting.

Feeding Disorders Program?

emergency while an inpatient at Kennedy Krieger?

Speech and Language

Conducts one to

four 30-minute

sessions per week,

as needed

use them with parental supervision.

requiring a ventilator for breathing.

 Throughout a patient's admission, parents and caregivers are encouraged to observe therapy sessions on a daily basis. Team members and parents meet throughout a child's admission to discuss patient progress. Parents and other caregivers are provided with formal training on their child's individualized mealtime plan in preparation for the transition to the home environment.

How long do most patients receive treatment

Treatment varies from one patient to another, based on their needs and goals.

What kinds of improvements might patients receiving

94%

100%

of patients who completed the

their goal for oral intake.

feeding program met or exceeded

treatment from the Feeding Disorders Program be

90%

100%

from the Feeding Disorders Program?

While the average admission for the day program was 37 days.

of patients decreased tube of patients met or exceeded feedings by at least 75%. their goals for increasing food variety by discharge. **New Foods:** 30

What do patients and their families say about their experience at Kennedy Krieger Institute? 95% 93% 93% 90%

5-9

10-16

Number of new foods

17-25

26+

95 percent of parents 93 percent of 93 percent of parents 90 percent of parents said the safety of parents said the said the care provided said the care their child was good overall services by registered nurses provided by provided were good or excellent (RNs) was good or doctors/nurse or excellent excellent practitioners was good or excellent

Does Kennedy Krieger have special accreditation? Kennedy Krieger Institute is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and The Joint Commission. Every three years, both organizations review the Institute to ensure all its programs meet or exceed the very high standards it sets for the care of its patients. NOINT COMMISSION

\*FY 21 represents the dates from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.