Dear Colleague,

For more than 70 years the doctors, researchers, educators, and therapists at the Kennedy Krieger Institute have gained an unparalleled understanding of developmental disabilities. As a referring physician, this provides your patients with special needs unique access to leading experts in neurorehabilitation, behavioral disorders, neurological disorders, and other disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and musculoskeletal system.

To ensure that your patients receive the best care possible, we take an interdisciplinary team approach that starts with you, the referring physician. Our staff works closely with you and your patient’s family to develop and implement a comprehensive and individualized treatment plan. Depending on their needs, we can offer your patients care in a variety of settings, including a 40-bed inpatient unit, outpatient programs that see more than 14,000 patients each year, day treatment services, and home- and community-based programs.

For your convenience and future reference, we’ve provided an overview of our programs and services as well as clinical and research updates. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, we encourage you to contact our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403, or email us at findaspecialist@kennedykrieger.org.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Goldstein, MD
President and CEO

P.S. We’ve also provided a complimentary copy of Potential magazine which shares inspirational stories, program news, research initiatives, and other updates that your patients and their families may find of interest.
State-of-the-Art Outpatient Center Opened

Our new Outpatient Center features state-of-the-art technology and natural environments including an expansive healing garden. A six-story physical expression of the Institute’s patient-centered approach, the Center is one of the most comprehensive rehabilitation facilities in the world for patients with special needs. Housing many of our outpatient clinics and therapeutic services, this ambitious expansion enables us to offer more comprehensive services at one location, ensuring optimal outcomes for children and adults with disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and musculoskeletal system.

To learn more, visit grandopening.kennedykrieger.org.

New Center Treats Muscular Dystrophy

Kennedy Krieger welcomes Dr. Kathryn Wagner as we launch the Center for Genetic Muscle Disorders. Dr. Wagner has over a decade of experience researching and treating muscle disorders. The Center will focus on the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of muscle disorders, including muscular dystrophies and congenital myopathies. The combination of Dr. Wagner’s expertise and the Institute’s unique understanding of childhood developmental disabilities will give patients at the Center much-needed access to world-class facilities, rehabilitative services, and assistive technology under one roof. The Center is also an official Muscular Dystrophy Association clinic. To read a patient story, see page 4 in the enclosed issue of Potential magazine or visit walters.kennedykrieger.org.

For more information on the Center for Genetic Muscle Disorders, call our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403.

Limb Differences Clinic

The Limb Differences Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute provides quality, comprehensive medical care that focuses on optimizing health and function with coordination of healthcare services for those with congenital, postsurgical, and trauma-related limb differences including:

- Proximal femoral focal deficiency (congenital shortening of the femur)
- Tibial and fibular hemimelias (congenital absence or shortening of the tibia or fibula)
- Amelia (congenital absence of entire limb)
- Congenital limb deficiency or acquired amputations of upper or lower extremities

Through its interdisciplinary approach, the Clinic works to help children and adolescents with limb differences become active and pain-free so that they may lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

For more information, call our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403.

Research Initiatives

Accelerating the Pace of Autism Research

When researchers and parents aren’t connected, autism research can’t advance. That is why the Interactive Autism Network was created — to build a bridge between those affected by ASD and researchers in the field. The Interactive Autism Network invites individuals and their families to share information in a secure setting, as their schedule allows, to become part of the largest online autism research effort in the United States. The project also matches participants with studies for which they qualify. The data collected facilitates scientific research and empowers community leaders to advocate for improved services and resources. To learn more about this innovative project, www.IANproject.org.

To see a complete listing of research initiatives, visit research.kennedykrieger.org.

For more information or to make a referral, contact our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403.
Our Areas of Specialization

At the Kennedy Krieger Institute our mission is helping children and adults with disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and musculoskeletal system achieve their potential and participate as fully as possible in family, school, and community life.

Some of our areas of specialization include:
- Autism and Related Disorders
- Behavioral Disorders
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Feeding Disorders
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Learning Disorders
- Seizure Disorders
- Spina Bifida
- Spinal Cord Injury and Paralysis
- Sturge-Weber Syndrome

For a complete listing, visit www.kennedykrieger.org.

Our Centers, Programs, and Clinics

The Institute offers a wide variety of centers, programs, and clinics for children and adults with developmental disabilities. We offer care in settings including inpatient, outpatient, and day treatment as well as home- and community-based services.

International Adoption Clinic
Assistive Technology Clinic
Ataxia Telangiectasia Clinic
Audiology Clinic
Center for Autism and Related Disorders
Intrathecal Baclofen Program
Behavioral Psychology Programs
The Bone Center
Botulinum Toxin Treatment Program
Brachial Plexus Clinic
Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy and Neurodevelopmental Medicine
Child and Family Support Program
Child and Family Therapy Clinic
Constraint Induced and Intensive Bimanual Therapy Program
Cranial Cervical Clinic
Center for Development and Learning
Developmental Cognitive Neurology Clinic
Down Syndrome Clinic
Brightside Down Syndrome Mentoring Program
Southeast Baltimore Early Head Start
Environmental Health Clinic
Family Center
Family Support Services
Pediatric Feeding Disorders Programs
Fragile X Clinic
Holoprosencephaly and Related Malformations Center
Limb Differences
Social Work Mental Health Program
Movement Disorders Program
Center for Genetic Muscle Disorders
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Follow-Up Clinic
Neurobehavioral Programs
Neurodevelopmental Medicine Program
Neurogenetics Clinic
Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology Clinic
Neuropsychology and Developmental Psychology Clinic
Nutrition Program
Occupational Therapy Clinic
Orthopedic Clinic
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Clinic
PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs
Pediatric Developmental Disorders Clinic
Physical Therapy Clinic
Psychiatry Clinic
Pediatric Psychology Clinic and Consultation Service
Pediatric Rehabilitation Programs
Community Rehabilitation Program
Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration (SHNIC)
Specialized Transition Program (STP)
Speech and Language Clinic
Philip A. Keelty Center for Spina Bifida and Related Conditions
International Center for Spinal Cord Injury
Hunter Nelson Sturge-Weber Center
Therapeutic Foster Care

Continuums of Care

Because the patients we see have varying needs in intensity of service, we have developed continuums of care that see patients through all phases of treatment. Our continuums range from intensive 24-hour-a-day medical inpatient programs to 5-day-a-week medical/educational programs to and from home-based services to the least restrictive outpatient services.

They include:
- Pediatric Feeding Disorders Continuum
- Neurobehavioral Continuum
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Continuum

For a more comprehensive listing, visit www.kennedykrieger.org.
Back-to-School Screenings for Developmental or Behavioral Concerns
Millions of children across the country have developmental delays or behavior problems that may go undiagnosed. The Kennedy Krieger Institute offers the opportunity for evaluation and early identification through the Center for Development and Learning. The Center is a multidisciplinary program for the evaluation and treatment of children from preschool through high school who are experiencing problems in their development.

The Center offers evaluation and treatment in:
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Behavior or school adjustment
- Developmental delay
- Language development
- Learning and intellect
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Appointments are available this fall. For more information, call our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403.

Sedated ABR Testing Now Offered
The Kennedy Krieger Institute Department of Audiology at Kennedy Krieger Institute is now offering sedated ABR testing. The protocol will include click-evoked ABR, tone burst ABR (with notched noise), and bone conduction ABR. Measurements of the auditory steady state response are also available. The protocol will include tympanometry with either a 226 or 1000 Hz probe tone, transient-evoked otoacoustic emissions, and distortion product otoacoustic emissions. The patients will be seen by a pediatrician prior to the administration of the sedative. Chloral hydrate will generally be used. There will be continuous physiologic monitoring throughout with an RN with extensive experience with pediatric sedation present throughout all procedures.

To make a referral, call Roberta Mason at 443-923-3220.

Brachial Plexus Clinic
This interdisciplinary outpatient clinic serves children and adults who have brachial plexus injuries. Patients may have either birth-related or traumatic brachial plexus injuries. Each patient receives a comprehensive evaluation, treatment recommendations, and follow-up from a variety of disciplines. The disciplines involved with this clinic are neurosurgery, occupational therapy, orthopedic surgery, and plastic surgery.

For more information, call our Physician Assistance Group at 443-923-9403.