

Anesthesia Pre-anesthesia Consultation Clinic

The Department of Anesthesia at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center established the Pre-Anesthesia Consultation Clinic (PACC) to better serve our patients who have complex needs. Our patients and their needs come first, and we want to make sure to provide patients and their families with answers to any questions and concerns they may have. We also want the day of surgery to proceed smoothly, so we've put these procedures in place.

What patients should make an appointment?

Children who are having the following operations should be seen at the Pre-anesthesia Consultation Clinic:

- Spine surgery for patients with other medical problems
- Airway reconstruction
- Major chest surgery
- Major abdominal surgery
- Major neurosurgery

Also, if your child has special medical needs, an appointment should be made.

Patients with the following medical conditions should be seen at the clinic:

- Complex heart disease
- Serious respiratory disease, such as severe asthma and cystic fibrosis and patients requiring ventilator support or oxygen therapy
- Aerodigestive patients who are new to Cincinnati Children's
- Complex airway patients
- Patients undergoing MRI sleep studies
- Muscular dystrophy
- Cervical spine instability and patients in a neck brace
- Hunter's disease
- Hurler's syndrome
- Morbid obesity
- Living related organ donors
- Transplant recipients
- Patients presenting with special ethical issues; for example, religious objections to blood transfusion and / or end-of-life decisions

When should the appointment be made?

You can schedule your appointment with the Pre-anesthesia Consultation Clinic when you are making your other physician or clinic visits. We want to make this convenient for our patients and their families.

What can you expect during your appointment?

An anesthesiologist will review your child's medical problems and discuss important issues with you, including our anesthesia plans. We'll make sure to answer all of your questions.

Make an appointment

Please call Marla Sandlin at the Pre-anesthesia Consultation Clinic, 513-636-1762 to schedule your visit. We would like to see you one to two weeks prior to the operation.