

## Nationwide Children's Hospital opens a new, Multidisciplinary Prader-Willi Syndrome Clinic.

Endocrinology and Genetics have joined efforts to provide a multidisciplinary clinic to patients with Prader-Willi Syndrome. This clinic is not for patients who need a diagnosis but for patients who have a known diagnosis of Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Dana S. Hardin, MD and Joan Atkin, MD are combining their efforts, along with the support from many other disciplines to ensure patients will receive the most comprehensive treatment during their visits at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

### To Make a Referral:

To schedule a new patient appointment or to make a referral please call (614) 722-4436.

Patients will be seen the 2nd Friday of every month

### Services Available

#### Endocrinology Physician:

- Will assess patient nutrition and growth
- Will determine appropriate treatment for nutrition and growth
- Will evaluate bone growth and density
- Will evaluate all hormone axis and make necessary treatment plans
- Will make any necessary referrals related to endocrine and nutritional care

#### Endocrine Nurse:

- Trains families on administration of endocrine hormone replacement therapy
- Coordinates endocrine studies for each patient

#### Genetics Physician:

- Physician will make diagnosis in newborn period
- Will take the lead on ordering appropriate testing
- Will educate regarding Prader-Willi syndrome and explain significance of testing results
- Will discuss specialized care needs
- Will make referrals to appropriate specialists

#### Genetic Counselor:

- Educate each family about Prader-Willi Syndrome and supply support group information
- Will send counseling letter to families



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### Joan Atkin, MD

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