

Referral to the 22q Center

22q11.2 deletion syndrome (22q) can affect any system of the body, however most children with 22q have heart, immune, learning, speech, and/or behavior difficulties. Each person with 22q has their own unique needs, and interdisciplinary team care is the best management approach.

The 22q Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital offers comprehensive and coordinated care for children and adults with 22q. The 22q Team helps families manage medical, developmental, mental health, and other needs. The 22q Center offers team visits, in which the child or adult may be seen by specialists from any of the following areas, and others as needed:

- Audiology
- Hematology
- Immunology/Allergy
- Neuropsychology /Psychology
- Social Work
- Cardiology
- Developmental Pediatrics
- Endocrinology
- Feeding Therapy
- Genetics
- Plastic Surgery (Velopharyngeal Dysfunction and/or Cleft Palate)
- Pulmonary
- Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT)
- Orthopedics
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Gastroenterology (GI)
- Psychiatry

Why Team Care

The 22q Center works with families to streamline scheduling the appointments around each patient's needs. Each 22q team visit is personalized. 22q team care has the following benefits:

- Patients are seen by many specialists on the same day or within the same week. Providers meet face-to-face to discuss care coordination and follow-up needs.
- Coordination of referrals, lab tests, and procedures.
- Communication with the patient's primary care doctor about follow-up needs.
- Education and collaboration with primary care providers, therapists, and schools about 22q and the unique needs of each child.
- Mental health resources, insurance/financial assistance, psychosocial resources, and post-high school education or career counseling, as well as help with transitioning to the adult health care system.
- Linking families to educational events, social activities, and family support programs

If your doctor places a referral to the 22q Center, our staff will contact you to schedule an appointment. To learn more about the 22q Center, visit [NationwideChildrens.org/22q-Center](https://www.NationwideChildrens.org/22q-Center).



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