



Our outpatient pediatric therapy team includes occupational, physical and speech therapists.

They are specialized in the areas of pediatric gross and fine motor skills, speech/language delays, sensory integration difficulties and/or feeding or swallowing problems.

Individualized therapy programs are designed for infants and children newborn to aged 18 with a strong focus on family education.

We treat babies and children with the following conditions and diagnoses:

- Autism
- Birth Injuries
- Cerebral Palsy
- Developmental Delay
- Down's Syndrome
- Feeding Difficulties
- Hydrocephalus
- Hypotonia/Hypertonia
- Orthopedic Injuries/Disorders
- Other Neurological Disorders
- Premature Births
- Sensory Integration Disorders
- Spina Bifida
- Swallowing Disorders/Dysphagia

A physician prescription is required. Please consult your physician about outpatient pediatric therapy for your child.



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Physical Therapy

Therapeutic play and exercise techniques are used to improve a child's ability to perform functional gross motor movements, such as rolling, crawling, and walking.

Mobility Training – practices techniques to help children improve their crawling and walking skills, including instruction in the proper use of a wheelchair, transitioning in and out, positioning and mobility.

Gait Training – helps children to refine their walking skills and improve their balance for walking and running.

Strengthening – provides an exercise program through play to practice safe gross motor movements.

Serial Splinting/Casting – offers repetitive, progressive splinting or casting to help increase range of motion.

Posture and Movement Control - helps infants and children achieve appropriate muscular control for improved posture, efficiency of movement and quality of activities.



Occupational Therapy

Play activities, repetition and sensory integration are practiced to help children improve activity of daily living skills and fine motor abilities.

Activities of Daily Living – focuses on increasing functional independence with dressing, toileting, feeding, grooming, play and classroom performance skills.

Feeding and Swallowing – Evaluation and treatment for swallowing difficulties, breast and bottle feeding difficulties, feeding aversion, failure to thrive and failure to progress to more challenging foods.

Fine Motor Skills – practices therapeutic techniques to improve scissor use and handwriting. Children also

work on manipulation skills by completing puzzles, and playing with building/interlocking and other toys designed for fine motor enhancement.

Motor Coordination – uses play exercises designed to improve motor planning and using both sides of the body together.

Sensory Motor Issues - integrating sight, sound, touch and movement with purposeful activity.

Positioning and Handling of Infants – encourages symmetrical movement patterns and techniques to promote proper alignment and balance among muscle groups.

Visual Motor Skills - addresses visual attention to task, tracking, ocular control, visual organization skills (perception) and their influence on academic and daily living skills.



Speech Therapy

Works interactively with the child to improve speech, language and feeding skills.

Expressive Language Skills – focuses on improving the child's ability to communicate needs, thoughts and desires.

Receptive Language Skills – works on increasing the ability to follow directions and understand spoken language.

Speech Skills - enhancing the ability to learn and pronounce speech sounds in words, phrases and sentences, including techniques to help alleviate voice and stuttering disorders.

Play Skills – developing the emergence of socially appropriate play with objects, actions and people.

Cognitive Skills - improving problem solving, processing, reasoning and abstract thinking skills through language-based treatment to enhance the child's ability to functionally communicate or play with peers.



Hearing Impaired

Providing speech therapy, language therapy, and auditory and/or gestural training for children with hearing impairments and cochlear implants.

Specialty Programs

- *VitalStim®* - for patients with dysphagia, the use of small electrical currents to stimulate the muscles responsible for swallowing
- *Therapeutic Listening Therapy* - individual listening programs using electronically altered compact discs to enhance movement, auditory perception, language and learning skills
- *Sensory Integration Therapy* – children are exposed to sensory stimulation in a structured, repetitive way to help them process and react more efficiently to sensations
- *Feeding Therapy* – the use of functional exercise, behavioral programs and family training to move children to age appropriate textures and foods
- *Pediatric Video Swallow Studies* – the use of special X-rays to assess feeding and swallowing abilities, and to help recommend appropriate treatment and dietary options

For more information, or to schedule an appointment or tour of our facility, please call Outpatient Pediatric Therapy Services at Manatee Memorial Hospital, (941) 745-7533. Fax: (941) 238-9902.

We are open:
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday
7 a.m. – Noon on Fridays