



Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center

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Regional Mary Bridge Health Centers

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The Pediatric Difference

Pediatric Surgery is a well-established specialty at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. We use a cooperative approach to pediatric care, often coordinating our services with other subspecialties. Advances in instrumentation and expertise allow us to offer advanced laparoscopic, thoracoscopic, and other minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Referring providers and families have the reassurance of a robust, experienced team at Mary Bridge ready to care for a child at any point in their surgical care. Our inpatient pediatric hospitalists, pediatric intensive care specialists and neonatologists partner with our surgeons to provide on-site care 24 hours a day, keeping a child's primary care provider updated on their care along the way.

Minimally invasive surgical techniques result in smaller incisions, less pain, reduced scarring, and shorter hospital stays and recovery time for children. At Mary Bridge, we are proud to offer these advanced treatments and to provide excellent surgical outcomes through less invasive approaches. As a result, patients can generally resume their normal activities sooner and get back to the business of simply being a child.

COMPREHENSIVE SURGICAL SERVICES

Mary Bridge Surgery Clinic offers a full range of operative and non-operative pediatric care, with coordinated, state-of-the-art services for even the most complex pediatric patients.

Our pediatric surgical services include:

- Inpatient, outpatient, short stay, and diagnostic care
- Multidisciplinary pediatric surgical team available 24 hours a day
- Pediatric anesthesia and sedation services
- Case-specific preparation for families, including a pre-surgery tour

We also coordinate the follow-up services needed to help manage the psychological and physical impacts of surgery, trauma and hospitalization.

Our experienced team provides general surgical care for patients with:

- Comprehensive congenital abdominal and thoracic problems including:
 - Omphalocele, gastroschisis
 - Intestinal atresias
 - Hirschsprung's disease
 - Anorectal malformations (Imperforate anus)
 - Esophageal atresia
 - Tracheoesophageal fistula
 - Disorders of sex development
 - Lung abnormalities (Cystic adenomatoid malformation, congenital lobar emphysema, sequestrations)
- Acute abdominal problems including:
 - Appendicitis
 - Intussusception
 - Pyloric stenosis
 - Volvulus
 - Necrotizing enterocolitis
- Gastroesophageal reflux
- Hernias
- Lesions of the head, neck and thorax
- Solid tumors
 - Wilm's tumors and other renal tumors
 - Neuroblastoma and other adrenal tumors
 - Hepatoblastoma
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma
 - Ovarian tumors
- Genito-Urinary problems
 - Undescended testes
 - Hydrocele
- Chest wall deformities
 - Pectus excavatum (Nuss procedure)
 - Pectus carinatum



A Mary Bridge surgeon is available for consults 24 hours a day. Please contact our Surgery Clinic at 253.403.4613 or 800.552.1419 ext. 4613.

- Liver disease and gallbladder disease
 - Biliary atresia
 - Choledochal cyst
 - Gallstones
 - Tumors
- All aspects of care for pediatric trauma
- Neonatal, pediatric, and adolescent gynecology
 - Ovarian torsion, cysts, and tumors
- Umbilical abnormalities
 - Urachal cysts (wet belly buttons)
 - Omphalomesenteric ducts
 - Umbilical cord hernias
- Head and neck pathology
 - Thyroglossal duct cysts
 - Branchial remnants
 - Thyroid pathology (goiters, nodules, tumors)

Minimally invasive surgical procedures include:

- Repair of pectus excavatum
- Laparoscopic gastrostomy tube
- Laparoscopic fundoplication for GE reflux disease (Nissen)
- Laparoscopic appendectomies
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Pneumothorax
- Pulmonary blebs and lung metastases
- Thoracoscopic pulmonary resection
- Thoracoscopic treatment of empyema
- Transanal repair of Hirshchsprung's disease
- Neonatal bowel obstruction & imperforate anus



Mary Bridge offers a full range of advanced surgical services by leading surgeons. Please call for consults, referrals and details on any of our services.

Cardiovascular	253.403.3527
Craniofacial & Plastic	253.403.4613
Ophthalmologic	253.792.6630
Orthopedic	253.403.1507

RESOURCE FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Mary Bridge also serves as a resource for referring physicians throughout the southwest Washington region. Phone consultations with one of our surgery physicians are available 24 hours a day to assist primary care providers in evaluating patients for potential surgical procedures and assessing the need for surgical intervention. Our physician team is also available to conduct grand rounds or to provide CME lectures for community physicians.

SPECIALISTS IN PEDIATRIC CARE

Our team of specialists includes pediatric registered nurses, pediatric intensivists/sedation, care coordinators and child life specialists. Child life specialists help children and families cope with the stress of hospitalization by providing pre-admission tours and helping children to prepare for surgery. Preparation techniques such as role-play using dolls, models, photographs, and medical equipment have been shown to greatly reduce the anxiety of a child's hospital stay.



Families can call Child Life Services at 253.403.5315 to schedule a pre-surgery tour.

CONVENIENT CARE, CLOSER TO HOME

Based in Tacoma, our Surgery Clinic team makes regular visits to Mary Bridge outreach clinics in Olympia, Puyallup and Silverdale. Whichever location is used, your patients receive care from the same highly skilled physicians, nurses and health professionals that have made Mary Bridge a trusted name in pediatric care.

YOUR PARTNER FOR SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC CARE

You can count on Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center to provide the highest quality care for pediatric patients. Our specialists work in partnership with a child's primary care provider, so that specialized pediatric care is available when and where it's needed most. We believe that working hand-in-hand with local physicians helps to ensure the best results for everyone.

Meet Our Surgical Team



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