

McNeely Pediatric Diabetes Center and Endocrinology Clinic



Life changes when a child is diagnosed with diabetes. With treatment, support, and education from Children's, families find they can manage these changes, and most importantly, children are able to maintain healthy and active lifestyles.

The McNeely Pediatric Diabetes Center is the only diabetes center in the region to specialize in working solely with children and teenagers. Most children seen in the diabetes center have Type 1 diabetes and, a small but growing number have Type 2 diabetes.

One team, coordinated care

The diabetes center's specialized staff work together to meet the specific needs of each child. Our diabetes experts include:

- Pediatric endocrinologists
- Pediatric nurse practitioners
- Diabetes educators (registered nurses certified by the American Association of Diabetes Educators)
- Registered nurses and medical assistants
- Dietitians who are certified by the American Association of Diabetes Educators
- Support from child life staff (specialists in child development who help children understand diabetes in terms they will understand).
- Social workers

Education is essential

Learning the basics of blood glucose testing, insulin shots, and dietary changes is essential for children newly diagnosed with diabetes and for their families. Education is designed to meet the needs of each child and family and is age appropriate for the child and type of diabetes.

This training starts immediately, either while the child is in the hospital or at a clinic appointment. Training continues during every clinic visit to meet the changing needs of the child and family. Adjustments are made to help families maintain normal activities as much as possible.

We offer many individual and group education classes including information on basic diabetes management, education classes for caregivers and grandparents, and classes on insulin pump therapy and continuous glucose monitoring therapy.

Telephone support is also available for families with a new diagnosis, changing insulin needs, or illness.



Support groups

Children with diabetes and their families become experts about diabetes. Sharing what they've learned with others in the same situation can be extremely valuable.

The diabetes center offers support groups for children of various ages and their families which meet at the same time. Children's support group is the largest in the Upper Midwest and is free of charge. Support groups meet monthly October through April. Support groups offered:

- Young children - kindergarten through grade 2
- Children - grades 3 through 6
- Teenagers - grades 7 through 12
- Siblings who are toilet-trained
- Parents and families

Proven excellence

The McNeely Pediatric Diabetes Center has received recognition for its diabetes education program from the American Diabetes Association by meeting the association's high educational standards.

As technology advances, diabetes center staff have partnered with insulin pump companies to improve education related to insulin pump and continuous glucose monitoring technologies.

For more information

The McNeely Pediatric Diabetes Center is a resource for all children with diabetes and offers services at multiple Children's locations.

To speak with a staff member about services, call (651) 220-6624. To make an appointment, call 651-220-6818.

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