

Reference List of Medical Professionals

The care of a child with holoprosencephaly may involve many medical specialized professionals. This is a non-exhaustive quick reference list for caregivers, to use to see which specialist might be appropriate to contact for help with their child's specific medical needs and concerns. It is always recommended that you speak with your child's primary caregiver before seeing a specialist.

Audiologist	A professional who specializes in the identification, diagnosis, treatment, and management of deafness, hearing loss or balance problems.
Cardiologist	A physician who specializes in the detection and treatment of heart defects and disease.
Craniofacial or Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon	A plastic surgeon who specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery and ENT, and who also deals with congenital or acquired deformities of the skull, face and jaws, including cleft lip and palate.
Dentist	A physician who specializes in the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases, disorders and conditions of the mouth, teeth, gums, and jaws.
Developmental Pediatrician	A general pediatrician who has specialized knowledge and experience in assessing and managing children with developmental disabilities.
Endocrinologist	A physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the endocrine system, which secretes hormones into the body to regulate functions such as mood, growth and development, tissue function and metabolism.
Gastroenterologist or GI Doctor	A physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the digestive system including the mouth, esophagus, stomach and intestinal tract.
Geneticist	A medical professional who evaluates, diagnoses and manages the care of individuals with hereditary conditions or congenital malformations, and also studies genetic risk calculation and mutation analysis.
Neonatologist	A pediatrician who specializes in the care of newborns who are ill or who require special medical care due to prematurity, low birth weight, congenital malformations or birthing issues.
Neurologist	A physician specializing in the treatment and diagnosis of brain and nervous system disorders, including movement disorders, epilepsy, strokes, pain management and sleep disorders.
Neurosurgeon	A surgeon who specializes in the treatment of disorders of the brain and spinal cord.
Ophthalmologist	A physician who specializes in the anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye, and who can also perform surgeries on the eye and eyelids.
Orthopedic Surgeon	A surgeon who specializes in the care and treatment of the muscles and bones, using surgical and nonsurgical means to treat musculoskeletal trauma, degenerative diseases, infections and congenital disorders.
ENT or Otolaryngologist	A physician/surgeon who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose, throat, head and neck.
Pediatrician	A physician who specializes in the medical care of children from birth to age 21.
Physiatrist or Rehabilitation Physician	A physician who specializes in physical medicine, pain management and rehabilitation. He/she helps to restore function lost to injury, illness or disabling conditions. They often lead the medical team working with your child to help fill any gaps in treatment, and help with equipment needs.
Pulmonologist	A physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory/lung disorders.
Urologist	A surgeon who specializes in the care of the urinary tract, kidneys, bladder, and the male reproductive organs.