We specialize in providing world-class care for children, adolescents and young adults with all types of musculoskeletal disorders. If your child has any problem with his or her spine or extremities, our team is able to provide diagnostic services, and non-operative or surgical treatment for these problems. Examples of common diagnoses include:

- Spinal deformities; including scoliosis, kyphosis and spondylolisthesis
- Neuromuscular disorders; including cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy/spinal muscular atrophy, spina bifida and spinal muscular atrophy
- Hip disorders; including developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH), Perthes disease and slipped capital femoral epiphysis
- Limb disorders; including lower extremity length discrepancy and angular deformities, upper extremity deformities and tumor diagnosis and reconstruction
- Foot and ankle disorders; including clubfoot, congenital foot deformities and ankle disorders
- Trauma and post-traumatic complications

ABOUT THE AMERICAN FAMILY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Our staff is based in the American Family Children’s Hospital, a state-of-the-art children’s medical and surgical center connected to University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. Located in Madison, American Family Children’s Hospital offers the friendliness of a small pediatric hospital backed by the sophisticated services and diagnostic and therapeutic resources of a major academic medical center. Our team also provides services at the UW Spine center, Waisman Center and multiple outreach clinics across Wisconsin.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR CHILD’S FIRST VISIT

Patients must first register at Outpatient Registration located in the specialty clinic on the second floor of American Family Children’s Hospital. Please plan to arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled appointment. After registering, you will check in at the clinic desk. Your child may have X-rays taken before the appointment if necessary, based on information available prior to your appointment. A medical assistant will greet you and check in your child when you are ready to be seen. After obtaining your child’s height, weight, pulse and blood pressure, your family will be taken to an exam room.

After reviewing available medical information, the pediatric orthopedic surgeon or pediatric orthopedic nurse practitioner will examine your child and discuss results and a plan of care. Some children require more specialized testing. Your provider will explain all tests and results.

It’s important to remember that during your clinic visit, you may actually have several different appointments in the same location. These may include time spent with medical staff, radiology, orthotic or therapy consultations, or laboratory testing.

WHO WILL SEE YOUR CHILD IN CLINIC

Who you see in clinic depends on the nature and severity of your child’s medical concern, as well as the need for diagnostic testing (radiographs or laboratory services). Typically, you will meet many providers in one day. Depending on your needs, you may see all or several members of the Pediatric Orthopedic Team. Our team includes physician assistants, clinical nursing staff and assistants; certified nurse practitioners, physical and occupational therapists, orthopedic technicians, a pediatric orthotist, residents and staff physicians. In some cases your child’s care will be provided by one of the pediatric orthopedic nurse practitioners who will discuss your child’s care with a staff physician.

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HOW LONG YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL LAST

We recommend allowing one to two hours in clinic. In some cases, your time in clinic may be less than one hour or longer than two hours.

Factors affecting how much time you spend include: the reason for your child's visit, additional testing, our diagnosis and the appropriate treatment, as well as the number of other patients being seen that day. Because some patients require extensive time for evaluation, counseling or treatment, our clinic may run behind schedule. In some cases, another provider may offer to see your child to help shorten your visit; your child's visit will be discussed with his or her original provider to ensure continuity of care.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING TO CLINIC

Please bring the following items to your clinic appointment:

- Shorts to change into for evaluation or radiology
- X-rays taken outside of the UW Health system
- List of medications (name and dosage)
- Medical reports relevant to this visit
- List of questions and concerns you have
- Books, hand-held/laptop computers, coloring books, etc.
- Snacks and drinks

Please call us at (608) 263-6420 if you have any questions about preparing for your appointment.

RECEIVING YOUR CHILD’S TEST RESULTS

Unless your doctor tells you otherwise, please call the clinic at (608) 263-6420 to receive your child’s test and imaging results.

CLINIC HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Pediatric Orthopedics Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Our telephone number is (608) 263-6420. Telephone calls to our clinic placed before 4:00 pm will be returned the same day. Messages left after 4:00 pm will be answered the next business day. If you are asked to leave a message, please include the following:

- Your name and patient/child's name
- Child’s date of birth
- The nature of the problem or concern
- The best time and phone number to reach you
- If you don’t mind having personal medical information left on your answering machine or voice mail, please state this when you call or leave a message at our office.

After Hours/Weekends

Please call (608) 263-6420 with urgent questions or concerns. Ask for the pediatric orthopedic surgeon on call.

Outreach Clinics

Pediatric Orthopedics has outreach clinics located in Appleton and Wausau. Please visit uwhealthkids.org to learn more.

FUTURE APPOINTMENTS

To guarantee that we meet your scheduling needs in a timely manner, please schedule your next appointment before leaving the clinic on the day of your appointment. If you need to cancel an appointment, please call us at least 24 hours in advance so we can accommodate the needs of other patients and their families. Prior to your next appointment you may receive a reminder letter in the mail reminding you of the date and time of the next appointment.

If your child needs to be seen before his or her next scheduled appointment, please contact the clinic at (608) 263-6420 and our clinical staff will assess your needs and arrange for appropriate care.
Matthew Halanski, MD
Dr. Halanski earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI and his pediatric orthopedic and spinal deformity fellowship at Starship Children’s Health in Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Halanski’s interests include both clinical medicine and orthopedic research. His clinical specialties include all aspects of pediatric orthopedics with special interest in the musculoskeletal care of children with neuromuscular conditions. His clinical research is focused on improving the care of children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy and preventing injuries caused by casts and cast removal. His basic science interest is focused on bone growth and development. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery.

Blaise Nemeth, MD, MS
Dr. Nemeth earned his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO. He completed his residency in pediatrics and his fellowship in non-operative pediatric orthopedics at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI. He is co-director of the non-operative pediatric orthopedics fellowship at UW Hospital and Clinics. One of only a handful of non-operative pediatric orthopedists in the nation, Dr. Nemeth evaluates and diagnoses all aspects of pediatric musculoskeletal conditions. His areas of expertise in treatment include clubfoot, gait abnormalities, limb pain and many other pediatric musculoskeletal conditions. He also has strong clinical and research interests in childhood fitness and obesity prevention. He is board certified in pediatrics.

Kenneth Noonan, MD
Dr. Noonan earned his medical degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA and his pediatric orthopedic fellowship at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, FL. Dr. Noonan’s clinical specialties include all aspects of pediatric orthopedics, especially scoliosis, kyphosis, spondylolisthesis and other pediatric spine deformities. Spinal techniques include spinal fusion, growing rods and titanium rib lengthening. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery. He is a member of many honorary societies including the American Orthopaedic Association and the prestigious International Pediatric Orthopaedic Think Tank. He is active in leadership positions within the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. Dr. Noonan has been identified in many Who’s Who lists of medical practitioners. In 2014, he was listed as one of the Top 17 U.S. Pediatric Orthopaedists by “Orthopaedics Today”.

Lyndsey Battaglia, CPNP-AC, APNP
Lyndsey earned her master’s degree from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI and her bachelor’s from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Lyndsey also has a master’s degree in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners as well as the Pediatric Orthopedic Practitioners Society. Lyndsey is certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner and independently evaluates children with an array of orthopedic needs. She assists with surgery preparation and post-operative care. She has clinical and research interests in trauma and musculoskeletal development.

“Meet” your child’s provider before your appointment.
By going online to uwhealthkids.org/findadoctor, you can search for your provider’s biography page and in some cases view a short video about his or her approach to pediatric orthopedic care. Our providers see patients for all pediatric orthopedic conditions. If it is determined that one of the other providers is more appropriate for your child (such as a need for surgery), a transfer of services to the appropriate provider will be expedited by the clinical team.

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Other members of the team:

**Nursing:** The Nurse Clinician works as a key member of the child’s healthcare team to identify the child’s medical needs and help develop an appropriate treatment plan. Our pediatric nursing staff brings the special skills and understanding required to care for children of all ages, as well as their parents and other family members.

**Cast Technician:** Cast Technicians are a vital part of the pediatric orthopedics clinic, performing the removal and application of casts, as well as providing expertise in the fitting of braces, slings and crutches.

**Nutrition and Health Education:** Our Nutrition and Health Education staff includes registered dietitians who provide medical nutrition therapy, consisting of a nutrition assessment, goal setting, and development of a nutrition care plan.

**Social Work:** In addition to comprehensive medical care, American Family Children’s Hospital provides the services of social workers. They work across medical disciplines and are available to help families with the stresses associated with illnesses and their impact on everyday life in areas such as advocating for patients and families, providing information on community resources, counseling for emotional and psychological distress, leading support groups, negotiating the health care system and understanding treatment options.