

## Nephrology or Urology: Know where to refer

### Partnering connects us

When it comes to treating children with renal or urological conditions, it's important to know when and where to refer them. We want you to know we're here to partner with you for your patients' care.

Conditions	Nephrology	Urology
Hypertension	x	
Proteinuria	x	
Gross hematuria with normal imaging	x	
Gross hematuria with abnormal imaging		x
Gross hematuria with no imaging	x	x
Microscopic hematuria with UTI (+/-) symptoms		x
Microscopic hematuria without UTI	x	
UTI		x
Vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) with nephropathy	x	x
VUR without nephropathy		x
Voiding issues		x
Kidney/ureteral stones (causing pain and/or obstruction)		x
Kidney stones (painless)	x	x
Hypercalciuria (without stones)	x	
Hydronephrosis (no evidence of renal impairment)		x
Hydronephrosis (with renal impairment)	x	x
Solitary kidney (with no other anomalies)	x	
Bilateral cystic kidney disease	x	
Multicystic dysplastic kidney (MCDK)	x	x
Abnormal labs	x	
Prenatal consults for urinary tract dilatation or obstruction		x
Prenatal consults for bilateral cystic kidney disease or bilateral renal agenesis	x	
Genital anomalies (prenatal or postnatal)		x
Genitourinary oncology		x

In general, refer to a nephrologist if the concern is about renal function. Refer to a urologist if the concern is about urine flow or drainage, ureter, bladder and/or genitalia, including hernias and testicles.

Nephrologists fix microscopic problems with drugs. Urologists fix macroscopic problems with surgery. Some urologic problems can affect renal function and some nephrologic issues may need surgical intervention. We collaborate on these issues and refer to each other when co-management would benefit the patient.

## Pediatric Nephrology

With Cook Children's Pediatric Nephrology, your patient will receive the best possible care and support from our team of our pediatric nephrologists, specialized nurses, nutritionists, social workers and Child Life specialists. We have extensive training and experience specific to pediatric patients, whose diagnoses and symptoms differ greatly from adult renal patients.



**Celina Cepeda, M.D.**  
Nephrologist



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## Pediatric Urology

With Cook Children's Pediatric Urology, you can depend on our network of distinguished medical professionals – urologic surgeons, nurse practitioners, nurses, Child Life specialists and Behavioral Health providers. We're specialized in providing advanced care for a variety of urologic diseases and rare conditions that require unique services such as robotic surgery, biofeedback, and video urodynamics.



**Jonathan Kaye, M.D.**  
Urologist



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