

Aerodigestive Clinic

The Aerodigestive Clinic at Gillette offers support and answers for families who think their child may be experiencing aerodigestive problems.

How the Aerodigestive Clinic Helps

The Aerodigestive tract controls a person's breathing, swallowing, and digestion. It's a complex and coordinated system that directly impacts the body's growth and development. Disorders of the aerodigestive system can crossover systems and specialties, which makes Gillette's multidisciplinary approach to patient care perfect for getting your child a comprehensive treatment plan.

Gillette's Aerodigestive Clinic helps families navigate the complex medical needs of children with airway, respiratory, gastrointestinal and feeding concerns.

What is the Aerodigestive Clinic?

The clinic is an important tool for evaluation and treatment of children who have aerodigestive conditions like:

- Acid reflux
- **Cerebral palsy**
- Choanal atresia
- Chronic aspiration
- Chronic lung disease
- **Cleft lip and palate**
- Deviated septum
- Drooling
- Encephalocele
- Enlarged adenoids
- Eosinophilic esophagitis (chronically-inflamed esophagus)
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
- Global developmental delay
- Laryngomalacia
- Laryngeal cleft

- Laryngeal web
- Macroglossia
- Micrognathia
- Midface hypoplasia
- Neurocognitive delay
- **Neuromuscular disorders**
- Oral aversion
- Piriform aperture stenosis
- Subglottic stenosis
- Tracheal stenosis
- Tracheoesophageal fistula
- Tracheomalacia
- Vallecular cyst
- Vocal cord immobility

What to Expect at the Aerodigestive Clinic

At our Aerodigestive Clinic, Gillette patients from age 1 to 40 will see many medical experts in one visit, including a **pediatric physician**, a **pulmonologist**, a pediatric ear, **nose and throat (ENT) physician** and a **speech therapist**. These experts work together as a multidisciplinary team to evaluate, screen and diagnose children who are experiencing aerodigestive problems. They will also assist in creating a treatment plan.

Gillette's team of specialists will:

- Conduct a comprehensive same-day evaluation of your child's aerodigestive tract.
- Coordinate testing and evaluation both before and during appointments.
- Work with you and your child to establish a treatment plan.

Integrated Care

Providers who make up the Aerodigestive Clinic at Gillette might collaborate with a wide range of Gillette specialists to provide a comprehensive treatment plan for your child.

We also work closely with specialists in:

- **Audiology**.

- Dentistry.
- Pediatrics.
- Rehabilitation Medicine.
- Sleep Medicine.
- Speech and language therapy.

Locations



St. Paul Campus

To learn more about how the Aerodigestive Clinic can help, call:

[651-290-8707](tel:651-290-8707)

Make An Appointment [651-290-8707](tel:651-290-8707) Refer a Patient [651-325-2200](tel:651-325-2200)

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If you are a Gillette patient with urgent questions or concerns, please contact Telehealth Nursing at [651-229-3890](tel:651-229-3890).