

Infectious Disease Care

What is Infectious Disease Care?

Infectious disease care helps children affected by diseases caused by microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites. Depending on the specific infectious disease, symptoms can cause discomfort, headaches, itchy rashes and/or fevers. Some infectious diseases can result in serious complications, particularly when a child's immune system is affected by certain medications, a recent surgery, an illness or a chronic medical condition.

When a child develops symptoms that may be caused by an infectious disease, our infectious disease experts work with families to find answers and determine an effective course of treatment.

Conditions Infectious Disease Care Treats

An infectious disease care consultation can be useful for children or teens who have:

- Post-surgical infections (catheter-associated infections, central line-associated infections)
- Bone and joint infections, including infections around hardware (rods, plates)
- Fever of unknown cause

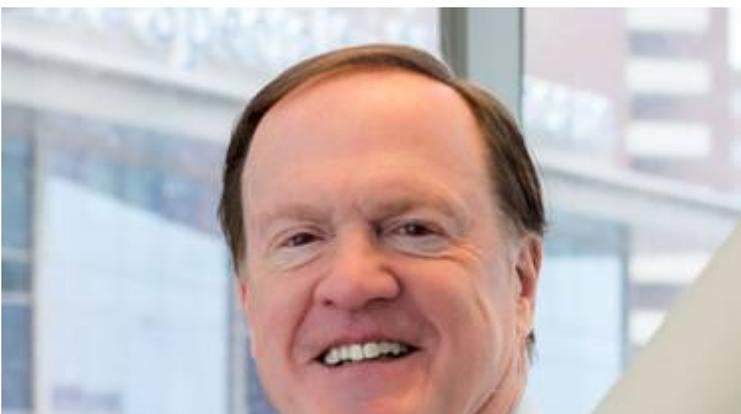
Tests and Treatments

When you work with the infectious disease specialists at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, your child or family member will have access to many types of diagnostic testing, including blood tests and state-of-the-art medical imaging. We provide evaluation and treatment on an inpatient and an outpatient basis. Treatments may include intravenous (IV) medication management and/or oral medications.

Integrated Care

Our infectious disease specialists offer family-focused care tailored to your child's symptoms and treatment needs. We work with a multidisciplinary team of board-certified practitioners in microbiology and pathology, radiology, immunology and allergy care to diagnose and treat even the most complex infectious diseases.

Your child's health and comfort are our top priorities. We work as a team to address each child's treatment needs, make appropriate referrals and coordinate follow-up care for infectious diseases. You can trust our team to provide compassionate, knowledgeable care informed by the latest research and medical advancements.



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If you are a Gillette patient with urgent questions or concerns, please contact Telehealth Nursing at **651-229-3890**.