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Helping hands

Children's launches the only comprehensive pediatric hand and upper extremity program in the state

If you've seen a child with a traumatic hand injury or congenital condition of the upper limb, you know that finding specialized pediatric treatment for them is tough. Physicians specializing in pediatric orthopedic surgery for the shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist and hand are rare, so families often seek out specialists who work with adults or travel out of state. When orthopedic surgeon Jessica Hanley, MD, joined Children's Wisconsin, we immediately saw an opportunity to fill this gap.

NEW PROGRAM

Dr. Hanley began seeing patients through the newly launched Hand and Upper Extremity Program in September 2019. She helps infants, children and adolescents dealing with neuromuscular and congenital differences, soft-tissue and microvascular conditions, and traumatic and post-traumatic injuries. The program takes a multidisciplinary approach to care. Dr. Hanley works with a certified hand therapist, an athletic trainer and cast technicians. Depending on a child's treatment plan, the team can offer bracing, therapy and surgery.

COMPREHENSIVE CARE

While emergency departments often provide an immediate solution to a traumatic injury, if a patient requires pins or plates to hold broken bones in position while they heal, the child will need to see a surgeon. Dr. Hanley's training in operative and nonoperative care allows her to help kids who need a long-term plan for recovery or therapy.

"Hand and upper extremity anatomy is complex, and injuries can often be overlooked or misdiagnosed," Dr. Hanley says. "Some upper extremity conditions and injuries may require surgery, but many can be treated nonoperatively. Our program offers a multidisciplinary approach for each child, with hand therapists, athletic trainers and cast technicians who have lots of experience and a high level of training."

The program operates out of Children's Milwaukee and Greenfield clinics and serves children from infants to age 18. Dr. Hanley also see adults at Froedtert Hospital, where adolescents can continue their care with her if they have chronic conditions.

To refer a patient to Children's Hand and Upper Extremity Program, call (877) 607-5280 or visit childrenswi.org/refer.

