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# Pediatric and Family Medicine Practice Liaison Program



## Expansion of UPMC Children's at Hamot

With the official announcement on November 1<sup>st</sup>, UPMC Children's is excited to partner with UPMC Hamot in expanding our pediatric service line. Both the inpatient and outpatient services will be growing to better serve our large patient population in the Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York regions. With over 60,000 patient visits and encounters in the previous year, UPMC Children's and Hamot are excited to begin this new endeavor.

As UPMC Children's continues to increase access and extend the UPMC Children's experience, we look forward to driving growth of overall inpatient pediatric and newborn market share in the Northwest PA and Western New York regions.



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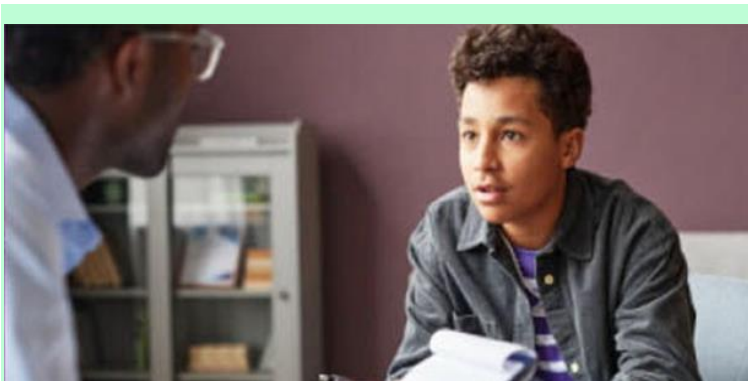


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## UPMC Children's Behavioral Health Walk-In Clinic



Our brand-new Behavioral Health Walk-In Clinic, which is located at UPMC Children's main hospital in Lawrenceville, offers a welcoming and comfortable environment for children and adolescents up to the age of 18 who are dealing with a variety of mental health concerns. Open 5p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 12p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the walk-in clinic will offer a variety of services, including comprehensive behavioral health assessments, one-time therapeutic interventions, coordination of care with the child's existing care team, and

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referrals to other services or resources in the community for further or continued care. Reasons to seek or refer care for any reason can include anxiety or stress, depression, difficulty focusing and sleeping, isolation, loss of appetite, loss or grief, panic attacks, relationship challenges, school avoidance, suicidal or self-injury thoughts, and lack of interest in family or social activities. It is important to note that the Behavioral Clinic is unable to provide medication management or medical care and cannot be utilized as a replacement of Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), which can be utilized at UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital. Use this [link](#) to use the clinic's "Save Your Spot in Line" feature and to learn more about the clinic, or call 412-864-8136 to make an appointment.

## Physician Spotlight



**Michael Ost, MD**  
Director, Pediatric Surgical Outreach

Dr. Ost is a physician working with the Division of Pediatric Urology of UPMC Children's with expertise in the treatment of kidney cancer, congenital renal anomalies, ureteral injuries and abnormalities, and complex stone disease. Dr. Ost treats an array of patients and is currently taking patients at Children's Main in Lawrenceville and Children's North in Sewickley, PA. Make a referral by calling 412-692-7932.

## What's New at Children's?

- Continuing medical education is part of UPMC Children's mission. Learn more [here](#).
- Let patients know about our partnership with Lyft, giving free rides to appointments for those in need. For more information, [click here](#).
- *That's Pediatrics* – The evolution of Cardiac Imaging in Pediatrics with Dr. Laura Olivieri. Find the episode and subscribe to "That's Pediatrics" [here](#).
- *Health Break* – Ep 42: How to Prepare for the Flu Season. Check it out [here](#).
- NEW: Congratulations to Dr. Dale King who has been named Medical Director for Pediatric Services in the Northwest PA and Western New York regions. See more [here](#).
- #StoriesfromChildrens has an inspiring story for #DiabetesAwarenessMonth on our [LinkedIn](#).

## Upcoming Webinars



Pediatric Grand Rounds – Features Dr. Michael Dill to talk about "U.S. Physician in 2023: Trends, Conditions, and Future Trajectories."



December 7, 2023, 8:00am – 9:30am  
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