WHAT IS CHILD NEUROLOGY? Neurology is the medical specialty dealing with disorders affecting the nervous system, which consists of the brain, spinal cord, nerves and the muscles. The child neurologist has trained in Pediatrics and in Neurology with special emphasis on the neurological diseases of children. The pediatric neurologist does not perform surgery, but will help diagnose and treat your child’s condition.

WHAT IS A CONSULTATION? If your child’s regular physician is concerned that symptoms may involve the nervous system, he may request a specialized opinion. A neurological consultation consists of a history of your child’s medical background with special attention to the present problem. The neurological examination will involve tests of vision, strength, coordination, reflexes and sensation. This will help the neurologists to locate where in the nervous system the problems are. The examination may indicate other tests are required. These tests are necessary to help the doctor confirm a diagnosis, which may lead to specific treatment. These additional tests will be scheduled, for a future date, which is convenient for you.

WHAT ARE NEUROLOGICAL TESTS? EEG (Electroencephalogram): Records the brain’s electrical activity by means of electrodes which are applied to the head. It is often used to help diagnose or rule out episodes of seizures, fainting, blacking out, etc. It is painless and requires little preparation. CT (Computerized Tomography): Combines x-ray and computers to construct pictures of the brain. These pictures can provide information regarding the condition of the brain. A dye may be injected into a vein under some circumstances to help visualize suspected problems. MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging): This is another method for making picture of the brain. These pictures are made using a strong magnet and no radiation is involved. The images of the brain are very detailed, even more so than those taken with CT. As with CT, sometimes a dye is injected into a vein to help visualize possible problems.

DO I NEED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE MY CHILD TO HIS REGULAR DOCTOR? The neurologist will assist your primary care physician by managing the neurological aspects of your child’s care. Your primary care physician should remain in charge of the general medical needs of your child.

PHONE CALLS AND QUESTIONS We employ several specially trained Nurses who will help you by telephone in an effort to increase availability and provide medical advice. To contact us, for questions or prescription refills, please call (682) 885-2500. Nursing personnel will pull your chart and document your questions and advice given to you. These charts are reviewed by your doctor and nurse daily. The nurse will get back with you as soon as possible. We ask that you give us one (1) business day to provide you with refill prescriptions. For triplicate prescriptions, five (5) business days are required. We are unable to guarantee proper arrival if less time is granted. After hours calls are answered by the answering service. Please leave them your name, your child’s name and a phone number. The doctor on call will call you back. If you feel that your need is urgent, please report to the Emergency Room.
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