

Pediatrics

A pediatric doctor, or pediatrician, specializes in the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. They focus on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of pediatric diseases, as well as well-child check ups and routine physicals. They can practice in both inpatient or outpatient settings. Their scope of practice includes:

- Preventive care such as annual well child visits, vaccinations, and screenings
- Acute care for infections, injuries, and other sudden illnesses.

Residency is 3 years, but some pediatricians further specialize in areas such as:

- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Pediatric Rheumatology
- Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Pediatric Sports Medicine

These further specialties require an additional fellowship training after the pediatric residency.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has some great [resources](#).

More Information?

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