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### What is a Pediatric Ophthalmologist?

If your child has an eye problem, is having difficulty with a vision screening exam or has difficulty reading or learning, or needs surgery or medical treatment for an illness affecting the eyes, a pediatric ophthalmologist has the experience and qualifications to treat your child.

### What Kind of Training Do Pediatric Ophthalmologists Have?

Pediatric ophthalmologists are medical doctors who have had

- At least 4 years of medical school
- One year of medical or surgical internship
- At least 3 additional years of residency training in ophthalmology
- At least 1 additional year of fellowship training in pediatric ophthalmology

### What Types of Treatments Do Pediatric Ophthalmologists Provide?

Pediatric ophthalmologists can diagnose, treat, and manage all children's eye problems. Pediatric ophthalmologists generally provide the following services:

- Eye exams
- Perform surgery, microsurgery, and laser surgery (for problems like weak eye muscles, crossed eyes, wandering eyes, blocked tear ducts, retinal problems, and infections)
- Diagnose problems of the eye caused by diseases of the body such as diabetes or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) and other medical and neurological diseases
- Diagnose visual processing disorders
- Care for eye injuries
- Prescribe eyeglasses and contact lenses