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Medical Specialists

Because TSC can affect many different organ systems, you might find yourself working with many different [medical specialists](#). Most of these specialties are separated between pediatric and adult patients. There are two medical specialties that are crucial to helping you manage and coordinate all of these specialists: your **pediatrician** (children) or **internist** (adults). These clinicians are specially trained to manage the overall health of an individual, including helping you connect with and get the most out of your relationships with specialists.

Cardiologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions involving the heart.

Dermatologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions involving the skin – some, but not all, are trained to treat the skin manifestations of TSC.

Epileptologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of individuals who have epilepsy – these are physicians who completed an additional round of training in epilepsy following completion of their neurology training.

Geneticist

Specializes in the diagnosis of genetic conditions and provides recommendations about follow up care.

Genetic Counselor

Trained to assist individuals who require genetic testing as well as providing guidance for reproductive decision making – typically not MDs or DOs (doctors of osteopathic medicine) – but specialists with a master's degree (or doctorate) in genetic counseling and a professional license.

Gynecologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and medical/surgical treatment of diseases involving female reproductive organs. Also provides overall care and routine management of female reproductive organs.

Nephrologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases involving the kidney.

Neurologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders relating to the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord, and all the nerves throughout the body).

Neurosurgeon

Specializes in surgical procedures that involve the central nervous system. Often, they will further subspecialize and only perform certain types of surgeries (i.e., epilepsy surgery, brain tumor resection, etc.).

Neuropsychiatrist

Specializes in the management of mental health symptoms that are attributable to diseases of the central nervous system.

Oncologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Ophthalmologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and medical/surgical treatment of eye disorders.

Psychiatrist

Specializes in the diagnosis and management of mental health disorders.

Pulmonologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases that involve the lungs.

Urologist

Specializes in the diagnosis and medical/surgical treatment of diseases involving the bladder and lower urinary tract of both sexes. Also provides overall care and routine management of the prostate and male reproductive organs.