

The Juvenile Arthritis Clinic provides comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for children with rheumatic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis through a multi-disciplinary team approach. The team includes two Rheumatologists, an RN, a Pediatric Clinical Counselor and an Arthritis Foundation Advocate. The program aims to achieve three goals: to assist in the diagnosis and management of children, to increase awareness of rheumatic disease in children and to act as an educational resource.

The clinics held once a month on the second Thursday, by appointment only. A referral from your pediatrician or family practitioner is required. Appointments can be made by calling (309) 655-7900. All other questions regarding the clinic can be answered by calling (309) 682-6600.

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#### **What to Expect**

In an effort to make your visit to the juvenile arthritis clinic a little easier, we put together this informational sheet to explain what will happen when you arrive at the clinic. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time, so that we may check to make sure all paperwork is completed. Also, please remember to bring your insurance card(s). Co-Pay and Payments for services are expected at the time of your appointment. After your paperwork is completed, Karen, the nurse will call the patient and parents (or guardians) back to an exam room. Karen will weigh and measure the patient, take vital signs and ask a few questions and take a brief medical history. After Karen has completed her initial evaluation, the patient will see either Dr. Getz or Dr. Couri, depending upon preferred provider status. Dr. Getz or Dr. Couri will review patient records from your primary care physician and gather information from the parent or guardian and complete a physical examination. The doctor may require the patient to have additional diagnostic tests performed (for example; x-rays, blood tests, etc.). You may see both doctors, if necessary. Please be sure to have your questions ready for the doctor. It is important to let the doctor know of any concerns that you may have.

#### **Where do I go?**

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call (309)655-7900 at least 24 hours in advance. Your appointment will be at Dr. Mark Getz's office in the Pennsylvania Avenue Medical Building located at 200 Pennsylvania, Suite 101, Peoria, IL 61603. Please call us if you have any questions about getting to the office or for directions.