

**Ohio Health Choice**  
**Definitions of Physician Specialties**

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Description</u>
ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advanced training in complex acute, critical and chronic health conditions
ADDICTION MEDICINE	The treatment of substance dependency and abuse
ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY	The Treatment of individuals with alcohol, drug, or other substance-related disorders.
ADOLESCENT MEDICINE	The care of patients during the period of life from puberty to maturity
ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advanced training in primary, specialty care services and health-maintenance care for adults
ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES	not a specialty name
ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the immune system including asthma, food allergies, and rhinitis.
AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	The treatment of hearing related disorders.
CARDIOLOGY	The treatment of heart disease including heart attacks and abnormal heartbeat rhythms.
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	The treatment of heart disease including heart attacks and abnormal heartbeat rhythms.
CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE	A nurse with advance training in OB/GYN
CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advance training in complex medical conditions
CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	The diagnosis and treatment of developmental, behavioral, emotional, and mental disorders of childhood and adolescence.
CHILD NEUROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of neurologic disorders of the neonatal period, infancy, early childhood, and adolescence.
CHILD/ADOLESCENT NEUROLOGY	The practice of neurology with special skills in diagnosis and treatment of neurologic disorders of the neonatal period, infancy, early childhood, and adolescence.
CHIROPRACTOR	A doctor who treats abnormal functions of the musculo-skeletal system through manipulation of the body
CLINICAL BIOCHEMICAL GENETICS	The interpretation of biochemical analyses regarding the diagnosis and management of human genetic diseases.
CLINICAL CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY	The study and treatment of rhythm disorders of the heart
CLINICAL GENETICS MD	The diagnosis and management of heredity disorders.
CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous system disorders.
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST	A nurse with advanced training and specialization in a particular field.
CLINICAL SPECIALIST IN ADULT PSYCHIATRIC	A nurse with advanced training in the care and treatment of behavioral disorders of adults.
CLINICAL SPECIALIST IN CHILD & ADOL PSYCHIATRIC	A nurse with advanced training in the care and treatment of behavioral disorders of childhood and adolescence
CLINICAL SPECIALIST IN MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING	A nurse trained to care for adults in several settings including clinics, inpatient care unit, and skilled nursing homes.
CLINICAL SPECIALIST IN PEDIATRIC NURSING	A nurse with advanced training in the care and treatment children.
COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the intestinal tract, colon and rectum, anal canal, and perianal area
CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	The care and management of the critically ill
DENTIST, ENDODONTICS	A branch of dentistry concerned with the roots and soft matter below the tooth
DENTIST, GENERAL	A doctor who provides treatment of the teeth and gums
DENTIST, ORTHODONTICS	That branch of dentistry concerned with the correction and prevention of irregularities of the tooth
DENTIST, PEDIATRIC	A doctor who provides treatment of teeth and gum problems in children

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DENTIST, PROSTHODONTICS	The branch of dentistry concerned with missing or deficient teeth
DERMATOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of skin, hair, and nail disorders.
DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICS	The diagnosis and treatment of developmental and behavioral problems in children
ENDOCRINOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the endocrine glands including the thyroid, adrenal and pituitary glands.
ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES & METABOLISM	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the endocrine glands including the thyroid, adrenal and pituitary glands.
FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY	Surgery concerned with therapeutic or cosmetic reformation of tissue of the face
FAMILY MEDICINE	General health care of all members of a family unit
FAMILY MEDICINE/OMT	General health care of all members of a family unit, with the use of hands to diagnose, treat, and prevent illness or injury
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse that provides general care to the family unit
FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the foot and ankle
FOOT SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the foot
FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	The practice of mutual relationships with civil, criminal and administrative law, evaluation and specialized treatment of individuals involved with the legal system, incarcerated in jails, prisons, and forensic psychiatry hospitals
GASTROENTEROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the digestive system, including the liver, stomach and intestines
GENERAL PRACTICE	General care that is required for all persons
GENERAL VASCULAR SURGERY	Diagnoses and treatment of blood vessels
GERIATRIC MEDICINE	The diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of health problems of the elderly
GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY	The prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral disorders of the elderly.
GERONTOLOGICAL NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advance training in the care of the elderly.
GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of cancers of the female reproductive system
HAND SURGERY	Treatment and surgery of the hand and wrist
HEMATOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of blood diseases
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of blood diseases and cancer
INDEPENDENT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR	A mental health professional who performs services including treatment planning, education, and individual and group therapy as they relate to the abuse and dependency of drugs and alcohol.
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORK	The application of specialized knowledge of human development and behaviors
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases that can be passed on from person to person
INTERNAL MEDICINE	The diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of diseases of the in
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	Catheter based heart treatment
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST	A mental health professional who treats clinical problems including, depression, marital problems, anxiety, individual psychological problems.
MATERNAL AND FETAL MEDICINE	The treatment of all conditions that can affect the health of a mother or fetus from before conception to the postpartum period.
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of cancer

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NEPHROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of kidney disorders
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	Not a specialty name
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous systems
NEUROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases or impaired function of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, muscles, autonomic nervous system, and blood vessels that relate to these structures.
NEUROLOGY/PSYCHIATRY	two separate specialties
NEUROMUSCULOSKELETAL MEDICINE & OMM	The diagnosis and treatment of nerve disorders, muscle or neuromuscular junction
NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric, neurologic, or child neurologic of central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous system disorders
NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY	The use of tests to evaluate heart disease using radioactive substance
NUCLEAR IMAGING AND THERAPY	The analysis of diagnostic images showing the interaction of a radioactive compound with particular organs or tissues
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	The use of radioactive materials either to image a patient's body or to destroy diseased cells
NUCLEAR RADIOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disease processes throughout the body using radiopharmaceuticals
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY	The medical and surgical care in pregnancy, childbirth, and disorders of the reproductive system
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OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	The health of workers, including the ability to perform work; the physical, chemical, biological, and social environments of the workplace; and the health outcomes of environmental exposures
ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of cancer
OPHTHALMOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the visual pathways including the eye and brain
OPTOMETRIST	An eye-care professional skilled in testing for problems with vision
ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY	The treatment and surgery of diseases, injuries, and defects of the head, neck, face, and jaw
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment / surgery of concerns of the musculoskeletal system
OTOLARYNGIC ALLERGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the upper respiratory tract caused by allergic conditions
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of the ear, nose, throat, head and neck disorders
OTOLARYNGOLOGY/FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of the ear, nose, throat, head and neck disorders
OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases that affect the ears, balance system, temporal bone, skull base, and related structures of the head and neck.
PAIN MANAGEMENT	The treatment of patients suffering from acute or chronic pain.
PAIN MEDICINE	The treatment of patients suffering from acute or chronic pain.
PEDIATRIC ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY	The diagnosis treatment of disorders of the immune system including asthma, food allergies, and rhinitis of children
PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of heart disease of children
PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	The care and management of critically ill children
PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of skin, hair, and nail disorders of children
PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	

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PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the digestive system, including the liver, stomach and intestines of children
PEDIATRIC GENETICS	Not an ABMS or AOA specialty
PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of blood diseases and cancer of children
PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases that can be passed on from person to person, of children
PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of kidney disorders of children
PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advanced training in the care of children
PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the visual pathways including the eye and brain, of children
PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of the ear, nose, throat, head and neck disorders of children
PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the lungs and respiratory tract, of children
PEDIATRIC REHABILITATION MEDICINE	The diagnosis and treatment of physical and cognitive impairment and disability in children
PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the joints in children
PEDIATRIC SPORTS MEDICINE	The treatment of injuries or illness resulting from athletic activities in children
PEDIATRIC SURGERY	The treatment of disease or injury by operative procedures of children
PEDIATRIC UROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the urinary tract in children
PEDIATRICS	The care and treatment of infants and children
PH.D. MEDICAL GENETICS	The diagnosis and treatment of heredity disorders
PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	The treatment and prevention of injuries/evaluation and improvement of a person's functional abilities
PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION	The diagnosis and treatment of physical and cognitive impairment and disability.
PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	The repair or improvement of conditions or injuries to the skin and external features
PLASTIC SURGERY	The repair or improvement of conditions or injuries to the skin and external features
PLASTIC SURGERY WITHIN THE HEAD AND NECK	The repair or improvement of conditions or injuries to the head, neck, and related structures
PODIATRY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the feet
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE/OCCUPATIONAL	Care and treatment of work related injuries or illness
PROCTOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the colon or rectum
PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELING	The diagnosis and treatment of individuals with personal crises
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING-LPC	The diagnosis and treatment of individuals with personal crises
PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH ADULT NURSE PRAC	The prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral disorders including depression, anxiety, and psychoses.
PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY NURSE PRAC	A nurse with advanced training in mental health
PSYCHIATRY	The promotion of health, preventing disease, and managing the health of communities and defined populations.
PSYCHOLOGY	The scientific study of mental processes and behavior
PULMONARY DISEASE	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the lungs and respiratory tract
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	The study and treatment of cancers using radiation
RADIATION THERAPY	The study and treatment of cancers using radiation
RECONSTRUCTIVE REARFOOT & ANKLE SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of deformities of the foot and ankle

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REGISTERED DIETITIAN	An individual trained in diet and nutrition
REGISTERED NURSE	An individual licensed to provide patient care
REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of reproduction and infertility in women
RHEUMATOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the joints
SLEEP MEDICINE	The management of sleep-related clinical conditions including insomnias, excessive sleepiness, and sleep related breathing disorders
SOCIAL WORK-LSW	The application of specialized knowledge of human development and behaviors
SPEECH PATHOLOGY	The diagnosis and correction of speech and language disorders
SPINAL CORD INJURY MEDICINE	The diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury of the spinal cord
SPORTS MEDICINE	The treatment of injuries or illness resulting from athletic activities
SURGERY (GENERAL)	The treatment of disease or injury by operative procedures
SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE	The care and management of critically injured and acutely ill surgical patients
THORACIC CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY	The surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs of the heart and chest cavity
THORACIC SURGERY	The surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs of the chest cavity
TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY	The care and treatment of perioperative-liver-transplant patients and long-term-liver-transplant recipients
UNDERSEA & HYPERBARIC MEDICINE	The prevention of illness and injury due to exposure of environments
UROLOGICAL SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the urinary tract
UROLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the urinary tract
VASCULAR & INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY	these are two separate specialties
VASCULAR SURGERY	The diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the arteries and veins
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER	A nurse with advance training in the care of women