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Triple-Fellowship-Trained Pediatric Fetal Neurosurgeon at Dell Children's Medical Center is Providing Cutting-Edge Treatment for Complex Cases in Central Texas



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The pediatric neurosciences program at Dell Children's Medical Center has a robust team of specialty professionals who always strive for research-based solutions to best treat all diagnoses for pediatric patients in Central Texas. Complex cases that require surgery are cared for by fellowship-trained physicians, like Dell Children's fetal neurosurgeon M. Omar Iqbal, MD, who took

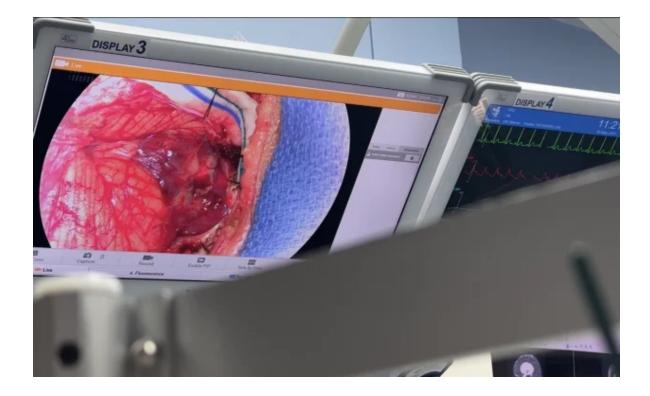
it a step further by getting two pediatric neurosurgery fellowships and a separate pediatric spine deformity fellowship. Dr. Iqbal's wide range of expertise allows him to treat all ranges of neurosurgical and orthopedic pathologies, from the common and benign to the rare and complex.

Dr. Iqbal trained in open fetal surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London (GOSH), the largest pediatric center in the United Kingdom for pediatric intensive care, and fetoscopic surgery at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Both of these specialties were in utero repair techniques for spina bifida. With his vast background, he has treated everything from pediatric patients with congenital malformation of the spine, to spasticity from cerebral palsy that requires dorsal root rhizotomy, skeletal dysplasia and craniocervical malformations, as well as spinal cord and spinal column tumors, and ultimately operating on the spine of an unborn child.



M. Omar Iqbal, MD

During his fellowship at GOSH, Dr. Iqbal took part in a craniopagus surgery and helped the lead surgeon separate twins that were connected by the brain. He also gained experience caring for patients with a very rare disorder called vein of Galen malformation and trained in pediatric epilepsy surgery.



Dr. Iqbal's unique background and devotion to push the envelope for quality care complements the neurosciences program at Dell Children's. Our care team can care for all neurological diseases with multidisciplinary clinics, dedicated specialty clinics in pediatric headache and psychogenic epilepsy disorder, and muscular dystrophy, among others, that are usually not treated under one roof. To add to our established specialties, Dr. Iqbal is also bringing a new level of care to the Austin area by providing fetal neurosurgery.

UT Health Austin Pediatric Neurosciences at Dell Children's is committed to leading the curve with dedicated research staff that enables participation in several clinical registries and providing a research infrastructure that allows clinicians to treat patients and take part in the research as well.

About Dell Children's Medical Center

UT Health Austin Pediatric Neurosciences at Dell Children's, part of Ascension Seton, nationally ranked for its pediatric neurology and neurosurgery, serves families in Central Texas and its surrounding counties. In collaboration with UT Health Austin, the pediatric neuroscience program offers pediatric neurology, pediatric neurosurgery, pediatric rehabilitation, pediatric neuro-ophthalmology, and pediatric neuropsychology care. Whether the patient has epilepsy, ongoing headache pain, hydrocephalus, or another neurology need, our specialists deliver advanced, compassionate, and personalized care to get to the root of the problem. Dell Children's offers the most advanced neurosciences program for children in Central Texas, and we're the only Level 4 pediatric epilepsy monitoring unit. We also support research and provide training for medical students, as well as medical residents, in child and adult neurology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and other disciplines.

About our collaboration with UT Health Austin

UT Health Austin is the clinical practice of the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin. The collaboration between UT Health Austin and Dell Children's brings together medical professionals, medical school learners, and researchers who are all part of the integrated mission of transforming healthcare delivery and redesigning the academic health environment to better serve society. This collaboration allows us to provide you with a team of highly specialized providers who are at the forefront of the latest research, diagnostic, and technological developments.

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