



2nd Opinion Policy:

In the event that you are an established patient requesting a second opinion by another Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Dr. Erhart will graciously abide by your request.

At the conclusion of your second opinion consultation, please be certain that CCGN (Children's Center for Gastroenterology and Nutrition) receives a consultation report from the physician in order to optimize your child's medical care.

CCGN will also gladly provide second opinions. To achieve the most benefit from the consultation, we will need all records from your previous Gastroenterologist(s) including office notes, laboratories, x-rays, procedure reports and biopsy reports.

If the office visit is intended as a "one time only" consultation, Dr. Erhart will forward a copy of the consult report to both your primary care physician (PCP) and Gastroenterologist. All future calls and questions should be directed to either your PCP or original Gastroenterologist.

At the conclusion of your consultation with Dr. Erhart, you will be expected to declare your intentions regarding whether you wish to transfer your child's care to CCGN. If you and Dr. Erhart mutually agree that she will act as your child's Pediatric Gastroenterology Consultant, all future care will be with CCGN.

Please note that CCGN strongly discourages against a patient's repeatedly changing from one physician's group to another. In some circumstances, including physical relocation, insurance changes, or other reasons, patients may transfer to another Pediatric Gastroenterology practice. We request that you notify us in writing regarding this change. After receiving a signed copy of the medical records release form, we will gradually transfer your child's records. You will then receive a standard patient discharge letter.

Changing care back and forth between Gastroenterology groups results in fragmented care and will not be permitted.

_____ **I will be transferring my child's Pediatric Gastroenterology care to CCGN.**

_____ **This consultation is a one time only consultation.**

I have read and agree to comply with this policy.

Signature