The Colorectal Program at Children’s National Hospital provides leading-edge diagnosis and treatment for every type of colorectal disorder that can occur in infants, children and adolescents, from the most common to the most complex. Led by Marc Levitt, M.D., our division integrates all the specialties necessary to provide complete care to children with conditions of the colon.

1,200 total inquiries from patients across the country and around the world

45 STATES

51 COUNTRIES

From 2020 to 2022 our team presented educational sessions to hundreds of providers in:

- Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- England
- Germany
- Greece
- Guatemala
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Lithuania
- Mauritania
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- New Zealand
- Nepal
- The Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Palestine
- Paraguay
- Papua New Guinea
- Peru
- Philippines
- Romania
- Russia
- Saint Lucia
- Saudi Arabia
- Scotland
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- South Korea
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- Wales
From 2020 to 2022 the team pioneered innovative surgical techniques to improve care. Advancements include:

- A new type of colostomy for newborn anorectal malformations
- A new approach to the newborn operation for a patient with cloacal exstrophy
- A new approach to the repair of a rectovestibular fistula, which avoids a perineal body incision
- A new approach to the repair of a rectoperineal fistula, which avoids any urethral dissection
- Modification of the urethral part of the reconstruction for cloacas which improves cosmesis and the ability to catheterize if needed
- An innovative collaborative approach to the evaluation of patients with severe constipation
- Increased ability to diagnose prenatal colorectal issues
- We welcomed Surgeons and Nurses for educational observerships from multiple hospitals across the United States as well as from:
  - Canada
  - Vietnam
  - Spain
  - Sweden
  - Russia
  - Mozambique
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Belgium
  - Brazil
  - Pakistan
  - Indonesia
  - Israel
  - Ghana
  - Iraq
  - Mexico
  - Chile
  - Singapore

We cared for conditions including:

- Anorectal malformations
- Cloacal malformations
- Hirschsprung disease
- Congenital gynecologic problems
- Spinal anomalies
- Motility disorders
- Functional constipation
- Perineal trauma and more

The team has grown to include:

- Advance Practice Providers: Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
- Administrative Support Team
- Anesthesiology and Pain Management Team
- Case Managers/Insurance Preauthorization Specialists
- Child Life Specialists
- Colorectal Surgeons
- GI Motility Specialists
- Gynecologists
- Inpatient Care Providers
- Neurosurgeons
- Orthopaedic Surgeons
- Pathologists
- Psychologists
- Radiologists
- Registered Nurses
- Surgical Coordinators/Schedulers
- Urologists

To learn more about colorectal and pelvic reconstruction visit
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