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SPECIALIST

These parents are convinced that their doctor is special, and they want you to know why.

**Roberto Jodorkovsky, MD · Paterson
Nephrologist**

Three years ago, my daughter was rushed to the emergency room. She was diagnosed with end stage renal disease and started dialysis that day. Dr. Jodorkovsky diagnosed her and continued to be her nephrologist. My daughter had dialysis 3 times a week at an outpatient dialysis center for 3-4 hours each session. Dr. Jodorkovsky came to almost every session to check on her. The nurses said they had never seen a Dr. show up more than once a month for a patient. My daughter was hospitalized sometimes twice a month for 6 months straight, and he called at all hours to check on her. When she wasn't feeling well on Christmas Eve, he called during his family celebration. She received a kidney transplant, and he still treats her as if she is his one and only patient. He takes my calls day and night even for little questions or to ease my mind. He has become my daughter's hero and she thinks of him as her friend. He took a very scary time in our lives and made it easy on us. I thank Dr. Jodorkovsky for giving my daughter her life back.

—June, East Rutherford

**Ilana Rakovsky, CCC-SLP · Florham Park,
Roseland
Speech Therapist**

My son was diagnosed with PDD and Ilana was absolutely amazing. She went above and beyond with providing information about how to handle the diagnosis and what to do next. My son absolutely loves her, and it is easy to see why.

—Lucia, Union

**Todd Morrow, MD · Summit, West Orange
Plastic Surgeon**

Amazing with my granddaughter who broke her nose during play at preschool. He had her on a "booger hunt" that was bar none, enabling her to calmly sit through an inspection of her nostrils that any adult would HATE. He was precious with her and kept all of us calm.

—Laurie, Morristown

**Lori A. Colyer-Aversa, MD · Bloomfield
Pediatrician**

When Storm Sandy passed through the area, she answered all voicemails left from panicky parents while sitting in her car to recharge her phone. She made sure she was available despite not having power or being able to open her office.

—Cristin, Bloomfield

**Krupa Patel, DPM · Morristown, Union,
Westfield
Podiatrist**

Dr. Patel is exceptional with children. She is very kind and gentle. She takes her time letting my daughter know everything she is doing step by step. She is always on time and does everything she can to help out.

—Joanne, Elizabeth

**Jaime Lehrhoff, LDT-C · Short Hills
Learning Consultant**

Jaime is well-educated and spot on when it comes to diagnosing and remediating students with learning disabilities. She is honest and always looks out for the students at hand. She has helped many local families and ensures they are getting any and all services required. There is no one I trust more with my children.

—Robert, Livingston

**Maria Perez, DO · Morristown, Summit
Pediatric Gastroenterologist**

Children's gastro issues can be difficult to diagnose and treat, as it is hard for young children to describe what they are feeling. Dr. Perez is thorough, patient, and caring. She quickly responds to issues and questions. My daughter is very comfortable with her, and I have been very happy with her treatment.

—Karen, Scotch Plains

**Colin Bethel, MD · Maplewood
Pediatric Surgeon**

Dr. Bethel has a warm, caring demeanor and I think our 3-year-old daughter just picked up on his good energy. Meanwhile my husband and I, quite nervous about the lump on my daughter's arm that the radiologist and pediatrician couldn't identify, were put at ease with his knowledge and explanations. His office staff was great, helping with all the insurance clearance with only two days notice of the surgery. Day of surgery, Dr. Bethel made a beautiful ballerina bandage for my daughter to wear. We were really pleased with his work and assurances and thankfully we got good news.

—Rachel, Berkeley Heights

**Arash Emami, MD · Wayne
Orthopedic Spine Surgeon**

I love how he cares so much for his patients and will do anything to make sure they're okay. I love how he always has a smile on his face every time he sees me. I also love how he takes his time to explain things. I recommend Dr. Emami because he is the best doctor I know, and I thank him for everything he has done.

—Natasha, Clifton

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