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To schedule an evaluation  
by a pediatric neurosurgeon:  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
352.273.6990 (O) | 352.392.8413 (F)

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## UF Health Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Program

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## About our program

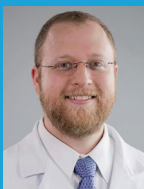
The pediatric epilepsy surgery program at UF Health in Gainesville, Florida, offers children the latest and most advanced treatment options for epilepsy care. As part of the overall pediatric neurosurgery division led by **Lance Governale, MD, FAANS, FAAP**, chief of pediatric neurosurgery, our epilepsy program is committed to providing state-of-the-art care to improve the quality of life of our patients.

**Jason Blatt, MD**, specializes in pediatric epilepsy surgery and oversees each child's care plan. Dr. Blatt and his team strive to alleviate worry and suffering and provide world-class care for children of all ages.

## What to expect

The process of deciding if a child will benefit from epilepsy surgery involves extensive testing and can take several months to undergo. We need to have as much information as possible in order to choose the right surgery and do it safely.

Our pediatric epilepsy surgery team in Gainesville meets almost every week to discuss our patients and their test results. Epilepsy surgery evaluations happen in phases, and not every patient has to undergo every test.



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## Diagnostic procedures used to evaluate patients for epilepsy

- ▶ Electroencephalogram, or EEG, testing, which is also known as "brain wave" testing
- ▶ MRI
- ▶ Functional MRI, or fMRI
- ▶ Positron emission tomography, or PET
- ▶ PET-CT
- ▶ Single-photon emission computerized tomography, or SPECT, scan
- ▶ Magnetoencephalogram, or MEG
- ▶ Neuropsychiatric battery testing
- ▶ Wada testing
- ▶ Functional brain mapping

After testing is done, our UF board-certified neurologists and neurosurgeons collaborate to decide if surgery should be the next phase of treatment. If it is the next step, our team will work with the patient's family to determine a date, and surgery will be scheduled.

For our comprehensive parent's guide to epilepsy surgery, please visit [neurosurgery.ufl.edu/peds-epilepsy](https://neurosurgery.ufl.edu/peds-epilepsy).