Children’s Communication Center Team!

**Pediatric Otolaryngologists**

An ear, nose and throat specialist (ENT), also known as an otolaryngologist, is a physician trained in the medical and surgical treatment of the ears, nose throat, and related structures of the head and neck.

This physician’s initial role is to determine the specific nature of the underlying problem that may be at least partially causing the hearing loss. Additionally, the physician will also determine if the problem is medically or surgically treatable, and if so, provide the necessary medical or surgical treatment.

**Dylan Chan, MD, PhD, FAAP**  
Director, Children’s Communication Center

**Anna Meyer, MD, FAAP, FACS**

**Pediatric Audiologists**

The role of the audiologist is to diagnose and manage hearing loss. They administer tests, analyze the results, and provide counseling and support to your family. Based on the findings, recommendations are made for appropriate amplification or assistive listening devices for your specific hearing loss.

**Melissa Wilson, AuD**

**Julia Chung, AuD**

**Lauren Hardies, AuD**

**Speech and Language Pathologists**

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in patients. This team member will focus on your child’s speech and articulation skills, his/her receptive and expressive language, as well as listening and comprehension skills and determine if language is developing age appropriately.

**Joanna Vaynshtok, MS, CCC-SLP**

**Sara Cabala, CCC-SLP**
### Clinical Social Worker

A medical social worker takes on many roles. They are patient advocates and counselors, perform psychological assessments, refer patients and families to medical resources and provide patient and family assistance in obtaining financial and legal assistance. In this clinic, this team member will help families navigate the school systems and ensure that families have the tools and resources to ensure their child has appropriate educational services.

![Silvia Bellfort-Salinas, MSW](image)

### Clinical Psychologists

Clinical psychologists aim to reduce the distress and improve the psychological wellbeing of patients with hearing loss and their families. This team member will ensure that children and families are taking care of their emotional and mental health and will work with children and families on managing the challenges of growing up with a hearing loss.

![Jennifer Gans, PsyD](image)

### Genetics

The genetics doctor and counselor work closely with the pediatric otolaryngologists to identify the genetics components that may have resulted in the hearing loss and help families predict what might happen with the hearing in the future. These professionals will explore your family history and be able to counsel families on the different genetic tests available.

![Anne Slavotinek, MD](image)  
Tricia Miranda, MS, LCGC

### ListenUp! Program Coordinator

Sonya works behind the scenes creating educational and informative videos for families as part our ListenUp! video outreach program. These personalized 4-5 minute videos are a useful resource for families to use and distribute to friends and teachers in order to educate them on their child’s hearing loss and individual needs. Videos include a hearing simulation (based on your child’s audiogram), tips on how to better communicate with your child and some fun pictures/video footage!

![Sonya Giridhar, PhD](image)

### Program Coordinator, Children's Communication Center

If you have any questions about your appointment in the Hearing Loss Clinic, are interested in the ListenUp! Program, need to be connected with services in your community or would like to contact our team members, please reach out to Cimeran via email at Cimeran.Kapur@ucsf.edu or by phone at 415-530-0830.

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