



Children's Postinfectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy (CPAE) Center of Excellence **CLINIC**



FAQ

The **Children's Postinfectious Autoimmune Encephalopathy Center of Excellence (CPAE)** opened in August, 2016. The **University of Arizona Steele Children's Research Center**, in partnership with **Banner Health**, established the CPAE Center. The CPAE Center of Excellence is the first of its kind in the world to integrate a model of **clinical care** for treatment, **education** to teach UA pediatric residents and fellows, and pediatricians throughout Arizona about CPAE; and **research**—both basic science and clinical, to discover answers about CPAE and other pediatric autoimmune disorders.

A major component of the CPAE Center is the weekly clinic conducted to treat children with CPAE. The clinic has already seen approximately 500 children since opening. Due to the popularity of the clinic, a second CPAE clinic will open in the Phoenix metro area at **Banner – Cardon Children's Medical Center** in the spring or summer of 2018.

The CPAE Co-Directors have prepared this **Frequently Asked Questions** document to address these questions:

1. Why was the CPAE clinic created?

Answer: The clinic was created, in association with the NIMH/NIH, to address a significant lack of accessible treatment for kids and families affected by children's postinfectious autoimmune encephalopathies like PANS, PANDAS and other CPAE disorders.

2. Is the Arizona CPAE clinic accessible to any child afflicted by a CPAE disease?

Answer: Yes. The clinic accepts patients from the United States and from around the world.

3. As a parent of an affected child, how do I arrange for my child to be seen?

Answer:

1. Parents need to discuss their child's illness with their primary care doctor (PCP). The PCP refers the child to the CPAE clinic.
2. Call **520-694-KIDS (5437)** to register with CPAE clinic.
3. Fill out the **Intake Forms** (available on our website: www.cpaecenter.arizona.edu; go to **Clinical Services** tab) and gather other required information (handwriting sample, lab results, imaging studies).
4. Submit the Intake Forms and other required info, via **fax** (520-694-4486) or email: CPAE@bannerhealth.com.

4. Who sees the affected child?

Answer: The CPAE clinic consists of a team of pediatric specialists from the areas of developmental and behavioral, immunology, neurology, gastroenterology, psychiatry and sleep disorders. At least two members of the team will spend time with the patient and family to determine the best course of medical treatment.

5. Will the patient have to return to the CPAE clinic for repeated visits?

Answer: Generally, for the family's convenience, patients are referred back to their primary care doctors with a treatment plan. Occasionally, patients will return to the CPAE clinic for follow-up evaluation or modified treatment plans.

6. Does the CPAE clinic accept a wide range of insurance?

Answer: Yes. The CPAE clinic accepts a wide range of insurance plans (including AHCCCS/Medicaid). Check with your plan provider for coverage details.

7. Are there other CPAE clinics being developed in the United States?

Answer: Yes. The leadership teams from Banner Health and the UA are collaborating with the PACE Foundation to develop additional CPAE-style clinics in other states before the end of 2018.

8. Will CPAE clinics in the country be located near a major medical university?

Answer: CPAE clinics are designed to be associated with university medical campus environments, which can offer a full range of services to children.

For more info, visit: www.cpaecenter.arizona.edu

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