

Ask the doc

Orthopaedic, Pediatric and Spine Institute & the New Children's Sports and Spine Institute

Professionals at the Orthopaedic, Pediatric and Spine Institute and the New Children's Sports and Spine Institute recognize that for medical and surgical needs, children should be treated differently.

With offices located in Crown Point and Munster, the New Children's Sports and Spine Institute (CSI) brings together two aspects of a growing child's orthopaedic needs. The Institute's primary focus is sports-related injury prevention and treatment and the evaluation and treatment of spine problems and spinal deformity (Scoliosis). At CSI their motto is "we investigate your child's orthopaedic injuries"--and they do.

Dr. Donald Kucharzyk isn't your average orthopaedic surgeon. He is a physician who specializes in children's orthopaedics, adolescent sports medicine and the treatment of spinal deformities. He works closely with your children and understands that caring for them involves a different approach than for adults.

"Children require special expertise and have needs that adult orthopaedic surgeons sometimes don't recognize." Our young patients can't be treated as "little adults," and this is where CSI differs from other orthopaedic practices. Even when dealing with the young athlete, their sports-related and sports specific injuries require special consideration. They too have needs that only a children's orthopaedic specialist can recognize and treat.

When working with Dr. Kucharzyk and the staff at CSI, you can trust that your child will receive total orthopaedic care from birth to adulthood in a child friendly environment.

After completing his residency, Dr. Kucharzyk studied children's orthopaedics at Rush University in Chicago, The University of Chicago Children's Hospital where he was an attending physician and assistant clinical professor for four years upon returning to the area after his fellowship, Shriners' Hospital in Chicago, and then went on to study under one of the most respected names in children's orthopaedics in the world, Dr. Alvin Crawford. During that fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Kucharzyk studied all aspects of children's orthopaedics and developed a special interest in spinal deformities of both children and adults. He performed over 200 complex spinal cases as a fellow and since 1989; he has performed close to 2000 complex spinal cases in both children and adults.

Dr. Kucharzyk's philosophy is to first take a non-operative approach when treating a child's injury including spinal injuries and deformities; but if needed, surgical intervention is recommended. Dr. Kucharzyk treats all aspects of children's orthopaedic conditions and as one of only two fellowship-trained children's orthopaedic surgeons in the region; he has that special expertise that hospitals and families request.

"We treat all children as if they were part of our family and make them feel at home, so much so, that sometimes the children don't want to leave." Our staff is compassionate and caring and understands how difficult it can be to go to a doctor's office. That is why they make every effort to put the "young child's fears to rest."

Dr. Kucharzyk has been treating patients since 1989 and serves patients and hospitals throughout all of Northwest Indiana. He serves as team physician to many local schools and has been recently honored in Who's Who in Orthopaedics and Health Care. Dr. Kucharzyk's office accepts most insurance and he is available for new patients and new patient referrals. Even if you need to go to the Emergency Room have the ER staff call him to discuss your child's care and management and follow-up, he is always available to our young patients.

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