

JIA (Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis) Ophthalmologic Screening

To Learn More

- Rheumatology
206-987-2057
- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.
- For Deaf and hard of hearing callers 206-987-2280 (TTY).

Schedule for Eye Examinations

Disease Onset Subtype	Age of Onset Before Age 7	Age of Onset After Age 7
Oligoarticular JIA		
+ANA (antinuclear antibody) →	Every 3 months for 4 years; then every 6 months for 3 years; then yearly	Every 6 months for 4 years; then yearly
-ANA →	Every 6 months for 7 years; then yearly	Every 6 months for 4 years; then yearly
Polyarticular JIA		
+ANA →	Every 3 months for 4 years; then every 6 months for 3 years; then yearly	Every 6 months for 4 years; then yearly
-ANA →	Every 6 months for 7 years; then yearly	Every 6 months for 4 years; then yearly
Systemic JIA		
± ANA →	Yearly	Yearly

These are surveillance recommendations for those children who do not have iritis. If iritis develops, your child will need more frequent care from the ophthalmologist.

* Guidelines for ophthalmologic examinations in children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Section on Rheumatology and Section of Ophthalmology, American Academy of Pediatrics. Pediatrics 2006; Vol 117: 1843-1845.

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

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