



Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Orthotics



"Working as an Orthotist at CHOA is kind of a dream come true," said Karl Barner, an Orthotist/Prosthetist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. "When I was child, I had problems with my knee, and that sparked my interest in Orthotics," he said. "I knew that I wanted to help children who are challenged with the same issues that I had growing up."

Barner, who also serves as the Residency Director, moved his family to Atlanta for the opportunity to work with the nationally recognized Orthotics and Prosthetics program. And he couldn't be happier with his decision.

"I chose to work at CHOA because their practice model of therapists and physicians working closely together to manage patient care really appealed to me," he said. "Plus, CHOA is recognized as one of the leading pediatric systems in the country."

Aaron Smith, a Clinical Supervisor of Orthotics, agrees. "I was drawn to CHOA because of the emphasis they place on and the commitment they have to treating pediatric patients," she said. "I always wanted to work with children and CHOA offers the best services and treatment for children. I felt really privileged to have a world-class pediatric facility right in my backyard."

Ranked among the top children's hospitals nationwide by *Parent* and *U.S. News and World Report* magazines, and listed in *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" an amazing six times, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta features three pediatric campuses and 16 neighborhood locations throughout the metropolitan-Atlanta area. And they're growing.

Children's is currently seeking ABC-certified Orthotists or Prosthetist Orthotists with experience in pediatric upper/lower extremity, spinal and cranial orthotics to join their Orthotic and Prosthetic Program. The right candidate will thrive in a fast-paced environment, work along side nationally recognized practitioners and make significant contributions to the O&P program.

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"In addition to working on developing treatment protocols, I also treat children with diagnoses such as scoliosis and plagiocephaly, including explaining their treatment plans and measuring or casting them depending on their needs. Then, I deliver the prescribed device," said Smith. "In addition to caring for my patients, my responsibilities as a Clinical Supervisor make me responsible

for overseeing the clinical treatments of patients at two inpatient hospital units; three freestanding orthotic offices; and seven neighborhood locations."

"Ultimately, my job is very challenging, but I love the energy of the CHOA campuses and the excitement that comes with making a difference in a child's life," said Smith "I began my career as a volunteer at CHOA after college and 12 years later, I'm still here. And I still love my job."

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