Our Approach

We understand that conditions are unique to children and that children are not “little adults.” Nothing is more precious than your child, and therefore no question is too basic and no concern is too trivial. Whether working with a mild skin condition or a more serious surgery, Dr. Cunningham will work with your family to provide the very best and most effective treatment for your child.

“We consulted with several doctors, but once we met Dr. Cunningham, no one else compared. She is so warm and loving with our son. It’s obvious she’s not only a doctor but a mom who understands and cares about her patients.”
- Natalie Snakenborg

Why Patients Love Comprehensive Dermatology

- Where your child is concerned, sometimes you need answers right away, and that’s why we offer same day appointments.
- Our doctors are also readily available for consultations with patients and consulting doctors by e-mail and telephone. We also have a dedicated physician phone line to ensure easy access to the doctors.
- Procedures performed under local anesthesia are performed at a state-of-the-art surgery suite in our Encinitas office.
- For procedures requiring general anesthesia, we operate at Rady Children’s Hospital and Health Center.
- We know no one is busier than parents, so we offer online appointments that you can make at your own convenience.

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About Us

Dr. Bari Cunningham, MD is uniquely qualified to care for children, having spent more than 10 years as a pediatric dermatologist at the University of California San Diego and Children’s Hospital and Health Center San Diego, where she served as Director of Dermatological Surgery and Laser Therapy.

One of only 200 doctors in the nation who is Double Board Certified in Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology, Dr. Cunningham is widely considered to be one of the top experts in the country in pediatric dermatology. Dr. Cunningham was awarded San Diego Magazine’s Top Doctors in Dermatology in 2007 and 2008. In 2005-2007 she was awarded the prestigious Best Doctors award for one of the best physicians in the country, representing less than 1 percent of the physicians in America.

Dr. Bari B. Cunningham earned her medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, where she graduated with top honors.

When not taking care of patients, Dr. Cunningham can be found spending time with her three children and physician-husband. She is one of six physicians in her family. “I think the passion for medicine is in our DNA!”

Specialties

Comprehensive Dermatology provides an array of pediatric dermatology services including:

- Laser therapy for vascular (red) birthmarks (hemangiomas, port wine stains)
- Mole removal
- Surgical removal of all types of birthmarks
- Laser treatment for spider telangiectasias
- Removal of pyogenic granulomas
- Surgical removal of small skin lesions such as cysts
- Wart and molluscum removal

Giving Back

Dr. Cunningham’s dedication to children’s health extends far beyond San Diego. She is one of the foremost experts on a rare genetic disorder Xeroderma Pigmentosum, or XP. People with this condition cannot tolerate the ultraviolet radiation in sunlight.

A few years ago people discovered a remote village in Guatemala that had not just one but 26 cases of XP. Upon hearing about the village, Dr. Cunningham immediately got involved and spearheaded a trip to Guatemala where her medical team performed life saving operations.

To learn more about the village and her work, visit www.hiddenfromlight.com.

Birthmarks

Dr. Cunningham has been nationally recognized for her work as a pediatric dermatologist and surgeon, particularly for her surgical and laser treatment of birthmarks including congenital nevi, nevus sebaceous, port wine stains and hemangiomas. She is one of the few pediatric dermatologic surgeons in the country with expertise in the diagnosis, management and surgical treatment of birthmarks.

All surgeries pictured in the before and after photos were performed by Dr. Cunningham.