

# Touchpoint Pediatrics

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Pictured: Dr. Margot Kerrigan, Dr. Jennifer Shaw-Brachfeld, Dr. Valerie Tom, Dr. Stuart Slavin

## BY ITS VERY NAME, TOUCHPOINT PEDIATRICS EMBODIES A STRONG PHILOSOPHY

**ABOUT** the relationship between a parent and child. The pediatricians at Touchpoint include the children in age-appropriate discussions about their own comprehensive health; physical, emotional and cognitive.

These family centered pediatric and adolescent philosophies are based on the beliefs of Dr. Jennifer Shaw, the owner and administrator. She is one of the first board certified developmental and behavioral pediatricians in the country, as well as being board certified in general pediatrics. Touchpoint Pediatrics, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Slavin and all the doctors at Touchpoint Pediatrics have been nationally recognized by the NCQA as the highest-level Patient-Centered Medical Home, a recognition of comprehensive pediatric care set by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures Best Practices and the National Committee for Quality Assurance. All 4 pediatricians at Touchpoint are honored recipients of numerous awards and accolades.

"Our practice is based on my deep-rooted belief in treating the whole child and in educating the child and family. When a former patient who is now 27-years old, wants to come by to talk to me, I know I've done my job well," states Dr. Shaw. "It's all about teaching the child to take responsibility for their own health, whether it's nutrition, healthy lifestyle habits or dealing with an illness or learning disorder. The best treatment includes knowledge,

awareness and making good choices." Graduating with honors in English and Biology from Union College in Schenectady, NY, Dr. Shaw recognizes the strong correlation between the humanities and medicine in treating the whole patient. She received her M.D. from the University of Connecticut and then completed a general pediatric residency and specialty fellowship at Schneider Children's Hospital of Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York, where she received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarly Performance.

Dr. Slavin graduated college from Rutgers University as a Rutgers University Presidential Scholar, and he went on to receive his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine as an Einstein Alumni Scholar. He completed his pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1999, after which he returned to New Jersey. He worked at a pediatrics practice in Wyckoff, NJ, until he joined Touchpoint Pediatrics in 2011. Dr. Slavin particularly enjoys the long-term relationships he has established with his patients and their families, seeing them repeatedly throughout the various stages of their lives. "Helping to shape confident, healthy children who come to the right decisions on their own is what our practice is all about," adds Dr. Shaw. In case of emergency, a Touchpoint pediatrician is available 24/7 on weekends, holidays or after hours. Touchpoint Pediatrics remains an independent practice where all well and acute care visits are with a board-certified physician.