



## Ritu Cheema, M.B.B.S., F.A.A.P.

<b>Philosophy of Care</b>	She believes in putting in her best effort towards providing infectious diseases care to our pediatric population along with involvement of parents in informed decision making.
<b>Clinical Interests</b>	Dr. Cheema is a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases, providing care to children with various acute and chronic infectious diseases, in both normal hosts and children with impaired immunity.
<b>Research/Academic Interests</b>	Dr. Cheema's academic interests include hospital epidemiology, infection prevention, hospital and outpatient antimicrobial stewardship. Her research interest includes management of congenital cytomegalovirus infections, respiratory virus vaccine clinical trials, newer antibiotic trials in children.
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<b>Residency</b>	Pediatrics, Women and Children's Hospital, Buffalo NY 2005-2008
<b>Fellowships</b>	Pediatric Infectious Diseases, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 2008-2011
<b>Board Certifications</b>	American Board of Pediatrics, General Pediatrics American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Infectious Diseases
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### Honors and Awards

Sacramento Magazine's Top Doctors, 2019, 2021

### Select Recent Publications

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