

Hospitals Making a Difference

Where Kids Come First

Children's Memorial Hospital is consistently cited as one of the nation's top-ranking children's hospitals and is home to many of the country's top physicians and research scientists. The hospital is guided by the belief that all children deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential, a vision set forth in 1882 by a mother, following the loss of her son, who founded Children's Memorial, Illinois' first children's hospital.

Children's Memorial is the region's largest pediatric general surgery provider. It offers the largest pediatric heart center in the area, the largest pediatric gastroenterology and hepatology program in Chicago and one of the nation's most comprehensive pediatric brain tumor programs. Throughout the last 10 years, no other hospital within 300 miles has performed more pediatric solid organ transplants.

Covering more than 70 specialty areas, Children's Memorial has over 1,100 pediatric specialists providing expert care to more young people than any other Chicago-area hospital. Children's Memorial is a leader in treating newborns with life-threatening complications, as well as children with cancer, heart disease, brain tumors, transplants and other conditions. It is also a leader in pediatric anesthesiology and surgery, including minimally invasive techniques that help children recover faster with less pain.

As a Level 1 Trauma Center, Children's Memorial is the safety net for the region's most critically ill and injured children. Each year, thousands of newborns, children and adolescents are transferred by ambulance or helicopter from more than 100 area hospitals to receive the highly specialized critical care that Children's Memorial offers.

The large staff of leading physicians shares their expertise and experience with up-and-coming medical students, playing a leading role in training the next generation. Children's Memorial is the primary pediatric training site for Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and its pediatric residency and fellowship programs are among the most sought after in the nation. To further improve teaching opportunities, research collaboration, transitional care and care for critically ill newborns, the hospital will open the doors of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in the Streeterville community in 2012 .

Children's Memorial Hospital is dedicated to family-centered care. Pediatric nurses can help find doctors, schedule appointments and answer any questions at **1 (800) KIDS DOC**, *the central access point to Children's Memorial health system.*



Children's Memorial "Firsts":

- **First** hospital in Illinois devoted exclusively to child care
- **First** US pediatric hospital to launch a pediatric heart telemedicine program
- **First** US freestanding pediatric hospital designated as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- **First** US pediatric hospital approved to use the INTRABEAM® to treat children with brain tumors
- **First** Illinois hospital to perform a pediatric heart transplant
- **First** Illinois hospital to implant the Berlin Heart, a breakthrough technology that helps children awaiting heart transplants
- **First** home to the world's first pediatric center for autonomic medicine



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