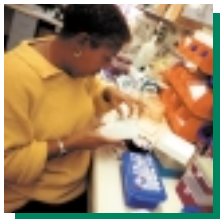
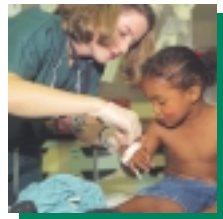


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▶ **The Children We Serve**

Children's serves more than 800,000 children in its primary service area throughout western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. The hospital also has established relationships with physicians, hospitals and families across the United States and in Europe, Central and South America, the Middle East and Russia.

▶ **Planning for the Future**

As the health care marketplace changes throughout the region and the world, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh remains a champion of pediatric health care. Children are the future, and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is proud to hold this future in our hands. We at Children's remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence in comprehensive patient care, medical education and biomedical research for the health of all children and our mission to advance health care for future generations.



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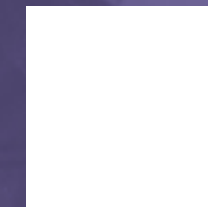
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## As one of the foremost children's hospitals in the country,

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has helped establish the standards for excellence in pediatric care. We are known nationally and internationally for proficiency in caring for patients with the rarest, most complex diseases and performing the latest procedures. We are equally well known for advances in treatments of some of the most prevalent childhood ailments such as asthma and ear infections. Parents and physicians from around the world who want the best diagnostic and therapeutic options for their children and patients routinely seek out the talented and committed experts at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Only at a children's hospital will parents find a full complement of pediatric medical professionals including board-certified pediatric physicians in all specialties; registered pediatric nurses and pediatric nurse practitioners; pediatric pharmacists and therapists; and child life specialists, social workers and teachers, among others. Children's Hospital professionals have a reputation for excellence because they care for more than 200,000 children a year—tens of thousands more children than adult-focused hospitals may see in the same time.

### Children's Hospital Today

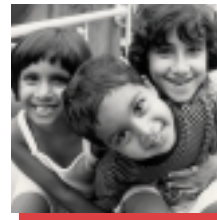
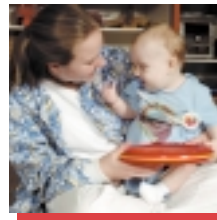
Since 1993, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has consistently ranked among the top 10 children's hospitals in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual listing of Best Hospitals in America. With 235 licensed beds and a medical staff of more than 400 pediatricians and pediatric specialists, Children's Hospital offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient health care services at its main campus in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Children's also provides outpatient specialty care and same-day surgical services in key neighborhood locations. Children's North in Wexford, Children's South in Bethel Park and Children's East in Monroeville offer Children's high standard of medical and surgical care in suburban locations that are more convenient for many children and families.

Pediatric primary care is available at the main hospital, at Children's community-based Primary Care Centers and through Children's affiliated network of pediatricians. This network, known as Children's Community Pediatrics, has grown to include more than 70 pediatricians in offices throughout Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

### A History of Community Support

Children's Hospital began when the young son of local pediatrician Frank LeMoyné raised \$3,000 to endow a single cot to be used only for infants and children at a Pittsburgh hospital. By June 5, 1890, enough funds had been raised to open a 15-bed facility that would fulfill the LeMoynes' vision of an entire hospital dedicated to the care of babies and children. In return for the community's support, the hospital pledged that every child in the region would have access to Children's Hospital.

From that time on, Children's Hospital and the greater Pittsburgh community have been partners in caring for children and families. Individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations and civic and community organizations have generously supported the research, educational and clinical advances for which Children's is known today.



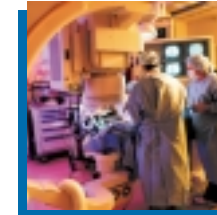
### Clinical Accomplishments

Today, Children's Hospital is recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in many clinical areas including allergy, cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, critical care, endocrinology and diabetes, epilepsy, hematology, immunology and infectious diseases, neurosurgery, oncology, organ and tissue transplantation, orthopaedics, otolaryngology, pediatric surgery and pulmonology. On average, Children's Hospital physicians annually admit more than 13,000 patients and conduct more than 180,000 outpatient visits.

Approximately 40,000 children with critical and life-threatening medical or surgical emergencies are evaluated and treated each year through Children's Emergency Department and Benedum Pediatric Trauma Program. The hospital maintains the only accredited Level I (highest level) Regional Resource Pediatric Trauma Center in western Pennsylvania and the only dedicated pediatric emergency department in the region. Pediatric trauma and emergency specialists, including pediatric trauma surgeons, anesthesiologists, orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons and plastic surgeons are on hand 24 hours a day to ensure that lifesaving treatment is available when children need it.

The intensive care units at Children's Hospital consist of a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, a Level III (highest level) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and an Intermediate Intensive Care Unit. Each year, almost 2,000 children from all over the world receive care in Children's intensive care units, and approximately 95 percent survive, one of the highest severity-adjusted survival rates in the world.

Children's full-time hospital-based medical specialty staff are among the country's leading authorities in pediatrics and pediatric specialties and represent a depth and breadth of pediatric expertise that is unmatched within the region. Children's Hospital's reputation also is strengthened by its long-standing affiliation with the clinically and academically renowned University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Children's physicians hold faculty appointments at the University and participate in joint pediatric, surgical and subspecialty residency programs, some of the finest and most sought-after physician training programs in the country.



### Nationally Recognized Research Program

Since its founding, research has been a critical component of Children's Hospital's mission. One significant measure of success in any research program is consistent and generous support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the country's largest and most prestigious organization funding biomedical research. Since 1991, Children's Hospital has consistently ranked among the top 10 U.S. children's hospitals receiving NIH awards. The funding Children's receives from the NIH, in conjunction with funding from corporations, foundations and individuals, supports more than \$25 million annually in pediatric research at the hospital.

### Family-Centered Care

In sickness as in health, the family is the center of a child's world. A diagnosis of heart disease, cancer, asthma or diabetes—or any illness or injury—brings with it tremendous implications for the patient, the parents or guardians, and siblings.

At Children's Hospital, the child and family are an integral part of the health care team. We know that children do better medically if they are prepared for what's happening to them and are supported by people who love them and professionals who understand them. Children's offers a wide variety of child- and family-centered programs to help children understand the new experiences they may have before, during and after hospitalization. From pre-hospitalization tours and educational materials to medical play and discharge planning, the health care team works with each family on an individualized medical treatment plan that also enhances child development and supports the family. As part of the team, child life specialists—professionals in child development and education—play an integral role in helping families by providing specially designed activities in cheerful medical-free playrooms.

