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Committed to Children in the USA & Around the World

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History

Children’s National Medical Center, situated in the heart of Washington, DC, is the country’s third oldest non-profit pediatric hospital, and has been dutifully delivering novel treatment for the nation’s sick children since 1870.

With a proud storied history, growing from its beginning as a 12-bed hospital to a 313-bed quaternary teaching pediatric medical center, Children’s National today houses over 550 dedicated pediatric physician experts across 60 specialties.

Facilities

In addition to the main hospital, the Sheikh Zayed Campus for Advanced Children’s Medicine, Children’s National is home to numerous institutes that include the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation (SZI), the Brain Tumor Institute (BTI), the Children’s National Heart Institute (CNHI) and the Gilbert Family Neurofibromatosis Institute, among others.

Research

Research at Children’s National is carried out at the Children’s Research Institute (CRI), where more than 700 clinical research protocols are managed.

Education

Children’s National also serves as the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the George Washington University School of Medicine, and receives students from both Howard University College of Medicine and Georgetown University School of Medicine. All of Children’s National medical faculty hold academic appointments at these schools, serving as the teachers for the next generation of pediatric physicians.

Who We Are

Recognized leaders in pediatric care

Top-Ranked Nationwide

One of only four pediatric hospitals in the United States to consistently rank in the top 20 in all 10 specialties in the 2016-17 U.S. News & World Report Best Children’s Hospital Survey

Recognized for Quality & Safety

One of only two pediatric hospitals in the United States to be annually designated a Leapfrog Group Top Hospital for 8 years consecutively

Excellence in Nursing

One of less than 7 percent of all hospitals in the United States to carry the prestigious Magnet Quality Nursing Care designation, since 2010

Leaders in Research & Innovation

One of the top six pediatric hospitals in the United States in National Institutes of Health (NIH) research funding, with more than 600 active research studies underway at the Children’s Research Institute (CRI)
At the Children’s Research Institute (CRI), new ground is broken every day in the field of pediatric medicine, across five integrated research centers: Cancer and Immunology, Genetics Medicine, Neuroscience, Translational Science and Pediatric Surgical Innovation. More than 500 industry-leading research faculty at Children’s National seek to combat some of childhood’s most devastating diseases from every angle – harnessing technology, biology, and pharmacology to advance treatments, improve diagnostics and innovate cutting-edge healthcare solutions.

Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation (SZI)

Children’s National also houses the pioneering Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation (SZI), which strives to transform pediatric surgical intervention by making surgery more precise, less invasive, and pain free - with a focus on improved outcomes and less recovery time.

Accelerating medical solutions through pioneering research and innovative clinical applications

Neonatal Laparoscopic Surgery

using a minimally invasive surgical technique, for infants born with a defect or abnormality, resulting in less pain and a shorter recovery period for the child.

High-intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) for Pediatric Osteoid Osteoma

a precise and controlled method to destroy bone tumors with incisionless surgery.
Children's National Heart Institute (CNHI) is consistently recognized as one of the top 20 pediatric cardiology and cardiovascular surgery programs in the United States. The Institute features specialists with expertise in the full spectrum of pediatric heart care, treating even the most complex forms of congenital and acquired heart disease.

CNHI cares for thousands of patients every year, ranging from babies in the womb to adults with congenital heart defects.

At the forefront of pediatric cardiac imaging technology

Children's National offers the most sophisticated imaging techniques to provide intricately detailed pictures of the heart and its functions, leading to more accurate diagnosis and treatment; including echocardiography, cardiac MRI, and our unique Interventional Cardiac MRI (ICMR) Program.

Pioneered at CNHI, the ICMR Program combines MRI and cardiac catheterization technologies, allowing the Institute’s specialists to obtain detailed diagnostic images and perform cardiac catheterizations in the least invasive, safest way possible.

Children's National also houses a nationally leading Pediatric Electrophysiology Program, which utilizes the latest and safest technologies with success rates close to 98 percent.

Pioneering the way in congenital heart defect surgery

Children's National surgeons are internationally recognized experts in complex congenital heart surgery and early primary repair; pioneering some of the most innovative treatments and procedures in the field, leading to some of the best heart surgery outcomes in the nation.

More than two-thirds of surgeries at CNHI are performed on children less than one year old, and half of these are for newborns less than one month old – which requires the most advanced techniques and abilities. Children's National surgeons are committed to advancing surgical care for the smallest and sickest patients, through groundbreaking research and cutting edge technological breakthroughs.

CNHI also has one of only a handful of elite Ventricular Assist Devices Programs in the United States, offering the next generation of life-saving technology.

Comprehensive cardiac care, from the womb to adulthood

CNHI offers comprehensive care for children with heart failure through the Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Program, and extensive interdisciplinary care in utero through the innovative Fetal Heart Program.

Children's National also provides specialized care for adults with congenital heart disease, through the Washington Adult Congenital Heart (WACH) Program, a collaborative partnership with Washington Hospital Center.
The Oncology Division at Children’s National is ranked among the top 15 pediatric cancer programs in the United States according to U.S. News & World Report, and cares for more than 300 newly diagnosed patients each year, ranging in age from birth to 30 years old.

Home to some of the world’s leading pediatric oncology experts & researchers

Children’s National is an established leader in pediatric cancer care and research, pioneering clinical treatment modalities for the hardest to treat cancers.

Oncology care is divided into specialized multidisciplinary clinical programs:

- Leukemia/Lymphoma Program
- Solid Tumor Program
- Cancer Genetics Program
- Blood and Marrow Transplant Program

State-of-the-art radiation oncology services

Through a partnership with John Hopkins Medicine, Children’s National patients have access to leading-edge radiation therapy at a newly renovated, child-friendly space located, only 15 minutes away from the main Children’s National campus. The pediatric radiation oncology program provides clinically integrated pediatric oncology services to both inpatients and outpatients through a seamless admission process.

Breaking new ground in pediatric cancer care

Children’s National is one of only 21 Phase I member organizations in the prestigious National Cancer Institute’s Children’s Oncology Group (COG) - the largest global association of more than 200 pediatric research hospitals.

Moreover, Children’s National was one of the founding members of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC), a National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded consortium consisting of 11 full member institutions.

Children’s National houses an elite Experimental Therapeutics Program for patients with recurrent and resistant cancers, offering exclusive access to Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials only available at a select few academic medical centers across the United States. Children’s National also leads in developing its own clinical trials of novel agents including T-cell therapy and high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU).
Dedicated, world-class pediatric bone marrow transplant treatments

The Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program at Children’s National is one of the only dedicated pediatric bone marrow transplant programs in the United States. COG-accredited, the program is renowned for its cutting-edge treatment protocols, developed by Children’s National team of dedicated bone marrow transplant specialists.

As participating center in the NIH-funded BMT Clinical Trials Network, Children’s provides patients with access to national clinical trials and novel treatments - such as extracorporeal photopheresis, a treatment that helps children who experience dangerous post-transplant complications. Children’s National is also home to one of only a handful of programs worldwide offering cellular therapy.

Physicians at Children’s National have also pioneered the use of autologous transplants for patients with hard-to-treat brain tumors.

Delivering advanced care for the rarest blood disorders

The Division of Hematology at Children’s National is one of the largest pediatric hematology programs in the United States, providing specialized, multi-disciplinary care to pediatric patients from around the world.

Treating nearly 1,400 children annually, Children’s National houses one of the largest sickle cell programs in the country, offering groundbreaking solutions for patients with all types of sickle cell diseases.

Children’s National is one of the first pediatric hospitals to offer sickle cell disease patients a chance at a cure with Haploidentical Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation. Through this process of bone marrow transplantation, physicians can effectively cure this often-debilitating disease.

Additionally, the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center at Children’s National treats more than 200 children and teens with bleeding, clotting, and platelet disorders each year, using advanced treatments, such as minimally invasive clot busting technology.
Integrated within one of the largest neuroscience centers in the United States, the Divisions of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Children’s National are ranked amongst the top 10 nationwide by U.S. News & World Report.

Neurologists at Children’s National treat thousands of patients each year, caring for children with a range of neurological conditions: from the common to the most complex and critical.

At Children’s National, cutting-edge research and highly specialized clinical care is combined to provide one of the most comprehensive pediatric neuroscience programs in the world, which includes the following sub-specialties:

- Neuro-Oncology (Brain Tumor Institute)
- Epilepsy, Neurophysiology, and Critical Care Neurology
- Developmental Pediatrics and Neurogenetics
- The Gilbert Family Neurofibromatosis Institute
- Neurology
- Neuropsychology

Recognized leaders in minimally invasive neurosurgery

One of the most active pediatric neurosurgery programs in the country, the Children’s National Division of Neurosurgery offers the most sophisticated imaging and treatment technologies, to ensure the most precise, effective and minimally invasive procedures possible.

The neurosurgery team is one of only two fully integrated pediatric programs in the United States to utilize deep brain stimulation (DBS) to treat children with movement disorders and intractable epilepsy. Children’s National is also a leader in the use of Intraoperative MRI and Visualase® MRI-guided Laser Ablation for minimally invasive treatment of complex brain tumors.

Pioneering excellence in treatment of neurofibromatosis

The Gilbert Family Neurofibromatosis Institute at Children’s National is leading the way in the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of children and adults with the full range of conditions associated with neurofibromatosis type 1 and type 2.

The Institute is one of the largest of its kind in the world and is designated a Neurofibromatosis Center of Excellence by the Childhood Tumor Foundation. The Neurofibromatosis Institute has been chosen as one of eight initial programs in the United States to participate in the Neurofibromatosis Clinical Trials Consortium, allowing patients access to cutting-edge modalities and potential new treatments.
At the forefront of the treatment of rare disease

With more than 8,500 visits annually and 12 genetics specialists, the Division of Genetics and Metabolism at Children’s National is one of the largest clinical genetics programs in the world.

Children’s National has become a noted international destination for the treatment of some of the rarest genetic disorders and is acknowledged as a leader in treating metabolic diseases. At Children’s National, you will find advanced technologies and innovative treatments, ensuring every child receives the best possible care.

The division’s multidisciplinary team of experts provides diagnostic evaluation and clinical care to children and adults with birth defects, genetic disorders, and inborn errors of metabolism. Additionally, the Cancer Genetics Clinic provides genetic counseling services for families with a history of a known genetic disorder and recurrence risk counseling for parents of a child with an inherited condition.

Nearly every geneticist at Children’s National is involved in research, working on developing groundbreaking technologies, devices, and treatments for patients with genetic diseases – focusing on finding safe, effective options for conditions that have no existing treatments.

Advanced genetic testing for accurate, definitive diagnosis

An accurate diagnosis is the first step in each child’s care. In addition to offering the most advanced molecular testing available today, experts at Children’s National do not stop until they reach a definitive diagnosis for each child. In fact, the Division of Genetics has one of the highest diagnostic rates for rare conditions in the United States.

Using one small blood or tissue sample, Children’s National geneticists are able to determine a child’s risk for inherited medical conditions, as well as predict how a child might respond to certain medications.

Specialized Diagnosis and Treatment for Rare Diseases

- Children’s National is a world leader in urea cycle disorders, and proudly leads the Rare Disease Clinical Research Center for Urea Cycle Disorders.
- The Lysosomal Storage Disorders Program has cared for pediatric and adult patients since 1990, and is one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States.
- The Inherited Metabolic Disorders Program is one of the largest specialized programs in the country, featuring dedicated metabolic dieticians.
- The Myelin Disorders Program is a national leader in providing comprehensive clinical care, diagnostic testing and advanced treatments for children with even the most complicated myelin disorders.

Genetics

Genetics and Metabolism at Children’s National

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Facilitating the treatment journey for international patients and families for over two decades, Children’s National has been privileged to welcome thousands of patients and families seeking pediatric medical care from around the world.

The Children’s National Global Services Division features a multilingual professional team, ready to provide families with the highest level of dedicated support to manage medical services and all related needs, at every step of the treatment journey – striving to make the family’s stay at Children’s National as pleasant and comfortable as possible.

Well-versed in the diverse linguistic, cultural, and religious needs of many different countries, the Global Services team focuses on bridging the cultural gaps and helping families feel more at home.

Children’s National also maintains in-country liaisons in Peru, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Kuwait.

The Global Services Clinical Support team is comprised of:

- Dedicated Medical Director
- Advance Practice Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Manager
- Patient Care Coordinators

The Global Services team assists patients in navigating every aspect of their visit and treatment, including:

- Second Opinion
- Air ambulance coordination
- Appointment scheduling
- Medical consultations
- Air and ground transportation/travel planning/hotel or longer term housing options
- Interpretation services
- Navigating the visa process
- Coordinating with their country’s embassy in Washington
- Spiritual support for all faiths
- Discharge planning and return home clinical coordination
- Acquiring medical equipment

Global Services staff are available to answer your calls, faxes and emails between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), Monday to Friday (except during US Holidays). For urgent needs after-hours, an on-call Global Services representative is available 24 hours.
Through clinical partnerships, educational collaborations and research affiliations, Children's National creates opportunities for the sharing of knowledge and best practices in pediatric healthcare with medical communities around the world. Children's National specialists regularly travel the globe to take part in clinical exchange programs and international medical symposia. Additionally, continuing professional development clinical rotations are available for physicians interested in spending 1-4 weeks on the Children's National campus.

The Global Services Division specializes in meeting the needs of physicians who may be interested in learning more about services at Children’s National, from patient referrals and second opinions, to education and training opportunities.

Fostering connections with medical communities around the world

Telemedicine: extending our expertise beyond borders

The Telemedicine Program allows physicians from around the world to connect with Children’s National specialists through state-of-the-art electronic and telecommunications technologies; enabling Children’s National physicians to provide consultations and care via virtual means.

Additionally, the telemedicine team offers distance learning opportunities, and provides access to live and pre-recorded patient care conferences and lectures for educational purposes.

Currently, the Telemedicine Program provides care, education, and training through more than 100 partnership sites in 19 countries, including Germany, Morocco, Uganda, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, and Iraq.

The Program provides more than 1,000 consultations per year.