

Parents Announces The 10 Best Children's Hospitals

Exclusive Survey Reveals Top Pediatric Hospitals For Overall and Specialty Care

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- *Parents* magazine today revealed the exclusive findings from its 10 Best Children's Hospitals survey, which provides the most comprehensive family-focused, data-driven comparison of pediatric facilities. The research emphasized treatment success rates, groundbreaking research studies and staff expertise as well experimental cancer studies, average waits of an hour or less in the E.R and innovative support groups for patients and their families.

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The results of the extensive survey will appear in the March 2013 issue of *Parents* on newsstands nationwide on February 12th as well as online at <http://www.parents.com/health/doctors/best-childrens-hospitals/>.

All surveyed hospitals are members of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions. Hospitals are ranked by *Parents* editors with input from a team of medical advisors based on their responses to detailed questions in the following areas: survival rates for childhood cancer, pediatric heart disease, and other critical conditions; their experience in performing certain complex procedures; the depth of the research program; safeguards to prevent medical errors; staffing ratios and quality; community outreach; and services that address the emotional needs of families of outpatients and inpatients.

According to the survey, the 10 best pediatric hospitals ranked in order are:

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Boston Children's Hospital
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
- Texas Children's Hospital, Houston
- University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor
- Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

"Making an informed decision about your child's health care can be overwhelming, especially in the face of a serious illness," says Dana Points, editor in chief of *Parents*. "We created this guide with the hope of making it easier to find a great hospital when you need one most."

In addition to ranking hospitals based on their overall quality, *Parents* also judged hospitals based on six pediatric specialty areas. The top five ranked hospitals by specialty are:

Cancer Care:

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis
- Cincinnati Children's Medical Center
- Boston Children's Hospital
- Texas Children's Hospital, Houston

Premie Care:

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, Indianapolis
- UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland

Heart Care:

1. (tie) Boston Children's Hospital, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
3. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
4. New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley/Komansky Children's Hospital, New York City
5. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Orthopedic Care:

- Boston Children's Hospital
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri
- Rady Children's Hospital—San Diego

Pulmonary Care:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Boston Children's Hospital
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Texas Children's Hospital, Houston
- UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland

Emergency Care:

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Boston Children's Hospital
- Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

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