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## **CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES TOP 30 RANKING FROM U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**

HARTFORD, Conn.— Connecticut Children's Medical Center has been named one of America's top children's hospitals in the specialty area of orthopedics, and is one of the top 30 programs in the country according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

The final rankings are now online at [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals) and will be published in the August edition of *U.S. News & World Report* which will be available to subscribers July 15 and on newsstands starting July 27. Connecticut Children's Department of Orthopedics received especially high marks in four categories including:

- Infection prevention activities
- Patient volume
- Non-surgical volume
- Advanced clinical services

"This is quite an accomplishment for Connecticut Children's and is attributed to the teamwork exhibited by our staff as well as their commitment to the health and well-being of the patients and families," said Jeffrey Thomson, MD, director of orthopedics for Connecticut Children's and an associate professor of orthopedic surgery with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Dr. Thomson also praised Connecticut Children's Center for Motion Analysis and Elite Sports Medicine program—both of which are located in the Farmington Specialty Care Center and fall under the Department of Orthopedics—for contributing to the high ranking awarded by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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Connecticut Children's Department of Orthopedics provides full services for the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the musculoskeletal system including trauma, Ilizarov limb lengthening and deformity correction, congenital defects, neuromuscular deformities, spinal deformities and sports injuries.

In conjunction with the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, 170 pediatric centers were invited to complete a 75-page online survey for the annual edition of *U.S. News & World Report* that lists America's best children's hospitals. The categories for the orthopedics rankings included reputation, avoiding scoliosis complications; preventing bloodstream infections; infection preventing activities; patient volume; non-surgical procedure volume and advanced clinical services.

**Connecticut Children's Medical Center**

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the region's only academic medical center dedicated exclusively to the care of children, with doctors and nurses who care only for children. Offering a full range of pediatric services from birth to age 18, Connecticut Children's brings quality care to children and families through its hospitals in Hartford and Waterbury, its Specialty Care Centers in Farmington, Glastonbury, Hartford and Shelton. For more information, please visit [www.connecticutchildrens.org](http://www.connecticutchildrens.org)