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## **CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES TOP RANKINGS FROM U.S. NEWS MEDIA GROUP'S BEST CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS**

### ***Connecticut Children's Pediatric Sub-Specialties Including Urology, Endocrinology/Diabetes And Orthopedics Named Among Top Programs In Country***

HARTFORD, Conn.— Three pediatric sub-specialties of Connecticut Children's Medical Center have received top rankings in U.S. News Media Group's Best Children's Hospitals rankings, now available online at [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals).

Connecticut Children's Best Children's Hospitals rankings were in urology, diabetes and endocrinology and orthopedics. This is the second year in a row that Connecticut Children's department of orthopedics has received a top ranking from U.S. News.

"We salute Connecticut Children's," said Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. "The goal of the Best Children's Hospitals rankings is to call attention to pediatric centers with the expertise to help the sickest kids, and Connecticut Children's is one of those centers."

The new rankings recognize the top children's hospitals in 10 specialties: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology. Seventy-six hospitals are ranked in at least one specialty. Now in its fifth year, Best Children's Hospitals pulls together clinical and operational data from a lengthy survey, completed by the majority of the 177 hospitals asked to participate for the 2011-12 rankings. The survey asks hundreds of questions about survival rates, nurse staffing, sub-specialist availability, and many more pieces of critical information difficult or impossible for those in charge of a child's care to find on their own. The data from the survey is combined with recommendations from pediatric specialists on the hospitals they consider best for children with challenging problems.

"These rankings are a great honor and further proof that as the State's only hospital dedicated exclusively to children, Connecticut Children's provides the highest quality of pediatric care in our region," said Martin J. Gavin, president and CEO of Connecticut Children's. "I'm happy for all the doctors, nurses and clinical staff in these areas who are being recognized for their wonderful work."

For the full rankings and methodology, visit [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals).