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CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S RANKED AMONG NATION'S BEST CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS BY *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT*

HARTFORD, Conn. - Connecticut Children's Medical Center has been ranked among the best in the nation for six of its specialties in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013-14 "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings. It is Connecticut Children's fifth time to be named among the best since the rankings were created eight years ago.

"Connecticut Children's is committed to making our state's children the healthiest in the country," said Martin J. Gavin, President and CEO of Connecticut Children's. "We are honored that the highly specialized care we provide, thanks to the exemplary work and expertise of our staff, has been recognized again by *U.S. News.*"

Connecticut Children's ranked #25 in Urology, #35 in Diabetes & Endocrinology, #39 in Pulmonology, #41 in Orthopedics, #43 in Neonatology, and #49 in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery.

The rankings highlight the top 50 U.S. children's hospitals in 10 pediatric specialties.

Three-quarters of each hospital's score was determined through an analysis of patient outcomes and data on the structural resources each hospital has for pediatric care. The *U.S. News & World Report* survey methodology combines the results of a clinical questionnaire sent to 179 pediatric hospitals and a reputational assessment of 1,500 pediatric specialists in the 10 ranked pediatric specialties. Physicians surveyed were asked where they would send the sickest children in their specialty.

“Connecticut Children's Medical Center deserves high praise,” said Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “Ranking shows the dedication and expertise that Connecticut Children's brings to the care of children who need those qualities the most. We think it is important to identify and call attention to pediatric centers like this one.”

The 2013-14 “Best Children's Hospital” rankings are available online at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals and will be published in the *U.S. News Best Hospitals 2014* guidebook, available beginning in August.

About Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a nationally recognized, 187-bed not-for-profit children's hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Named among the best in the nation for several of its pediatric specialties in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Children's Hospitals” rankings, Connecticut Children's is the only free-standing children's hospital in Connecticut that offers comprehensive, world-class health care to children. Our pediatric services are available at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and at Saint Mary's

Hospital in Waterbury, with neonatal intensive care units at Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut Health Center, along with five specialty care centers and 10 other locations across the state. Connecticut Children's has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 30 specialties.

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