

## CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER AMONG BEST IN THE NATION!

**Hartford, Conn.** - At Connecticut Children's, our physicians are *changing* the way children with Crohn's disease are treated. We're also home to the nation's *first* pediatric integrative transplant clinic. These distinctions are just two reasons U.S. News & World Report ranked Connecticut Children's among the best in the nation in the new 2017-18 [Best Children's Hospitals](#) rankings.

Connecticut Children's ranked in four specialties: Gastroenterology & GI surgery, Nephrology, Cardiology & Heart Surgery and Urology. The latter two rankings are for joint programs shared with Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

"These unique collaborations and subsequent recognitions for our joint programs are proof that two competing institutions can successfully collaborate," said Jim Shmerling, president & CEO of Connecticut Children's. "Bottom line is that it's in the best interest of Connecticut's children and provides them the best access to care."

U.S. News introduced the Best Children's Hospitals rankings in 2007 to help families of children with rare or life-threatening illnesses find the best medical care available.

"The recognition from U.S. News & World Report is a testament to our dedicated physicians, nurses & staff who care for the sickest children while working tirelessly on advancing research and clinical outcomes at the Medical Center," said Juan Salazar, physician in chief at Connecticut Children's.

U.S. News recognized the top 50 pediatric facilities across the nation in 10 pediatric specialties, including cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology.

"The pediatric centers we rank in Best Children's Hospitals deliver exceptionally high-quality care and deserve to be recognized for their commitment," said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. "Children with life-threatening illnesses or rare conditions need the state-of-the-art services and expertise these hospitals provide every day."

The rankings rely on clinical data and on an annual survey of pediatric specialists. The rankings methodology considers clinical outcomes, such as mortality and infection rates, efficiency and coordination of care delivery and compliance with "best practices."

Visit [Best Children's Hospitals](#) for the complete rankings.

### ABOUT CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the only hospital in Connecticut dedicated exclusively to the care of children. Connecticut Children's is a nationally recognized not-for-profit with a medical staff of more than 1,000 providing comprehensive, world-class health care in more than 30 pediatric specialties and subspecialties. Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the UConn School of Medicine, has a teaching partnership with the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University and is a research partner of

The Jackson Laboratory. Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health is a national leader in community-based prevention and wellness programs.

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