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Connecticut Children's Medical Center Receives the 2017 Women's Choice Award® as a Best Children's Hospital

Hartford, CT— Connecticut Children's Medical Center has been named as a Best Children's Hospital by the Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare.

"Our Best Children's Hospitals award helps raise awareness of the top quality care offered for children—not only the critically ill—with specialists, services and technologies for their unique needs," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award, and former publisher of *Working Woman* and *Working Mother* magazines.

"We found in our studies that 75% percent of women associate children's hospitals with care for seriously ill children and nearly 50% of women are unfamiliar with the offerings of a children's hospital," said Passi. "Our goal at the Women's Choice Award is to help moms—and parents—make educated, confident decisions about where to take their children for a wide range of healthcare services."

The list of 54 award winners, including Connecticut Children's, represents hospitals that have met the highest standards for childcare.

“Connecticut Children’s is honored and privileged to receive the 2017 Best Children’s Hospital-Women’s Choice Award” said Dr. James E. Shmerling, President and CEO of Connecticut Children’s. “This award is a true testament to our emphasis on family-centered care and our growth as a leading pediatric healthcare facility of choice by families, both across the state and throughout the country.”

The designation of Best Children’s Hospitals is based on a point system and self-reported data from almost 100 children’s hospitals in the nation. Hospitals are judged according to the availability of specific services and capabilities, including:

- Family Centered Care
- Family sleeping/living accommodations
- Dedicated pediatric emergency department
- Pediatric ICU
- Neonatal ICU
- Child Life specialists
- Use of telehealth technologies
- Participation in pediatric health research
- Accreditation by the Joint Commission
- Pediatric Trauma Center accreditation

For each of the available services, hospitals received five points towards their score with the exception of NICU, which earns five points for a Level IV and two points for a Level III. A maximum of 50 points could be earned for these services.

Points were also assigned to a hospital based on the number of beds per Board Certified pediatric professional in the following specialties: Anesthesiology, Radiology, Orthopedics, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Urology, Oncology and Neonatology. Points of 5, 3, 1, or 0 were assigned based on the relative number of beds per physician, with those having the least average beds scoring the most points. Each hospital’s results were also weighted based on the average beds per physician for all the reporting hospitals. Lastly, up to six additional points were provided for high levels of professional, nursing and support staff.

For more information on the 2017 Best Children’s Hospitals visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/best-childrens-hospitals/>

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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. 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 a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center, five specialty care centers and 11 other locations across the state. Connecticut Children's has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 20 specialties. For more information, visit WWW.CONNECTICUTCHILDRENS.ORG

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD®

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria. The Women's Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2016 for a second consecutive year, as well as selected from more than 500 nominees for Florida Companies to Watch in 2015, a statewide program managed by GrowFL which celebrates Florida's top second stage companies. Visit <http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/> to learn more.

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