As part of Advocate Health Care, Advocate Children’s Hospital is the largest network provider of pediatric services in Illinois and among the top 10 in the nation. The two main Chicago metropolitan region campuses are located in Oak Lawn in the southwest and Park Ridge in the northwest. Additional services are accessible at other Advocate hospitals throughout the state. Advocate Children’s Hospital serves as a major referral center for infants and children. Through a special, wholistic approach, Advocate Children’s Hospital combines some of the country’s most respected medical talent with exceptional and compassionate care. In fact, the children’s hospital has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation’s leaders in pediatric cardiology and neonatology, and numerous physicians on staff here have been recognized among the Top Doctors regionally and nationally in their field. The hospital is staffed by more than 440 pediatricians and 260 pediatric subspecialists, who offer a wide range of specialized services for children.

**Overview**

- Licensed beds: 444, including 127 Level III neonatal intensive care beds and 62 Level II special care nursery beds
- Medical staff membership: 700, including 260 subspecialists
- 2016 Pediatric Admissions: 16,126
- 2016 Pediatric Emergency Department visits: 118,827
- 2016 Pediatric Surgical Cases: 10,911
- Four Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Units
- More than 80 residents and 250 pediatric medical students trained each year

**Accolades**

- Ranked among the nation’s top 50 Best Children’s Hospital in Cardiology and Heart Surgery by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Numerous physicians rated among the country’s best in their fields by *U.S. News & World Report* and Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

**Membership**

- Member of the Children’s Hospital Association, an organization of hospitals committed to excellence in providing health care to children
- Member of the Children’s Oncology Group, an international organization which conducts clinical trials and research on childhood cancer to better understand the disease and create more effective treatment options, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute
Excellence in Patient Care

- Designated as a Pediatric Critical Care Center by the Illinois Department of Public Health (highest level of specialized pediatric critical care and emergency care services)
- Recipient of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Magnet designation (highest honor for nursing excellence)
- Provides a pediatric therapy team of audiologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech language pathologists
- Offers the most advanced technology in caring for infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, including extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) for infants with severe respiratory failure and total body hypothermia for infants with neonatal encephalopathy
- One of 12 “world class” newborn intensive care units as identified by the National Vermont Oxford “Your Ideal NICU” Project, a national patient quality and safety initiative to improve neonatal care
- Nationally recognized by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as one of only 118 accredited Cystic Fibrosis Care Centers in the United States
- A child life program that utilizes child play and other unique forms of therapy and communication to help reduce stress often associated with health care experiences
- Clinicians certified in the administration and scoring of Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale testing, the gold standard in autism testing and treatment
- Preoperative tours to help children feel more comfortable with the hospital’s surroundings before their surgery, as part of a Wee Care program
- Offers the H.O.P.E. School program, providing children in grades K-12 a comfortable education setting that allows them to keep up with their studies during inpatient care

Cancer:

- Home of the Keyser Family Pediatric Cancer Center, renowned for the treatment of pediatric leukemias and other blood-related disorders in children
- Site of the Midwest Children’s Brain Tumor Center, leader in the development of a device that allows children to watch videos while receiving radiation therapy

Cardiovascular Services:

- One of the largest Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery programs in the region and ranked in the top 10% in the country for post-operative survival and length of stay in the hospital after surgery by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)
- Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Lab is the only Pediatric Cath Lab in the country to receive accreditation by ACE (Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence) for positive patient outcomes, commitment to patient safety and clinical expertise by physicians and nursing team
- International leadership and experience in the treatment of hypoplastic left-heart syndrome
- Named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation’s leading children’s hospitals in pediatric cardiology and heart surgery
- Advanced open and closed heart surgeries and atrial fibrillation ablation to treat congenital heart diseases or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy—the pediatric ablation program is the only one of its kind in the region

Developmental Pediatrics

- One of the largest and most comprehensive pediatric developmental programs in Illinois for children with complex developmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, spina bifida, communication and speech disorders, motor/sensory impairments and other developmental delays and disabilities

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Endocrinology:
• A team of board-certified endocrinologists, nutritionists, nurses and diabetes educators provide comprehensive care utilizing advanced diagnostics and treatment to children and adolescents with endocrine disorders
• Provides intensive diabetes management to children with diabetes focusing on extensive education and family support. Multiple outpatient care locations including Park Ridge, Oak Lawn, Tinley Park, Naperville, Lakeview, Libertyville and Elgin
• State-of-the-art sleep laboratories and multidisciplinary sleep clinics allow for the evaluation, treatment, and follow up care for the entire spectrum of sleep disorders in children of all ages

Gastroenterology (GI):
• Board-certified pediatric gastroenterologists provide comprehensive services through the entire range of GI problems including inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, gastroesophageal reflux, eosinophilic esophagitis, feeding and swallowing disorders, and abdominal pain

Genetics
• A team of board-certified genetic specialists help individuals and families navigate the complex arena of genetics and genomics. Clinical geneticists and genetic counselors provide a range of services, including genetic risk assessment, clinical evaluation, genetic testing, and genetic counseling. In addition to diagnosis, management, and treatment, our specialists provide advocacy and support to families facing hereditary and genetic disorders
• Provides care through several multidisciplinary clinics: Heritable Connective Tissue Disorders, Down Syndrome, Craniofacial, DiGeorge Syndrome, and Skeletal Dysplasia Clinics

Neonatology (All Level III NICUs Only):
• 127 Level III (highest in the state of Illinois) NICU beds throughout the system
• Full scope of services such as ECMO, polysomnography cooling for hypoxic ischemic brain injury, evaluation and stabilization of infants with congenital heart disease and other malformations requiring surgical interventions, as well as care for the extreme preterm infant

Orthopedics:
• Includes specialists in pediatric orthopedic surgery, congenital spine disorders and pediatric sports medicine. Our team treats all forms of pediatric orthopedic conditions including scoliosis, complex congenital spine cases, other congenital orthopedic anomalies, sports injuries and concussions

Pulmonology:
• Includes board-certified pediatric pulmonologists who educate, diagnose and treat infants and children with acute and chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, sleep apnea, lung disease, cystic fibrosis and recurrent pneumonia, among others
• Features a Cystic Fibrosis Center accredited by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and dedicated to providing specialized care and research to improve survival and the quality of life for people with CF

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