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## About Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Founded in 1901, Children's Hospital Los Angeles is one of the nation's top children's hospitals and is acknowledged worldwide for its leadership in pediatric and adolescent health. Children's Hospital is one of only 11 children's hospitals in the nation good enough to be ranked "Best" on the prestigious *U.S. News & World Report* Honor Roll. The hospital's new \$636 million, 317-bed state-of-the-art Marion and John E. Anderson Pavilion further expands services and capabilities at its main campus on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, Calif., and increases the ability to provide family-centered care to residents throughout the region.

## Patient Care

Every day, children and families come to Children's Hospital seeking excellent patient care from the best physicians, nurses and caregivers around. Specialists in an exhaustive list of pediatric subspecialties ensure outstanding care for every child that comes through the hospital's doors. The hospital's family-centered model of care attends to the needs of the family as a whole, and also cares for the psychosocial needs of the child and family, during what can be a very stressful experience. Children's Hospital admits 11,000 patients per year, and sees 300,000 outpatient visits annually.

## Teaching

Children's Hospital Los Angeles is one of the country's premier teaching hospitals, affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California since 1932. It trains the very best pediatricians and pediatric nurses in the country. Training programs at the hospital include 575 medical students, 85 full-time residents, three chief residents and 98 fellows.

Children's Hospital's unique approach to teaching also has created a new national model—The Versant™ RN Residency in Pediatrics, a 22-week program that provides new nursing school graduates with a comprehensive guided clinical experience to prepare them for work in an acute care environment. The program recently reached a milestone—its 10-year anniversary. Since its debut, 710 nurses have graduated from the program, with more than 70 percent still employed at the hospital.

## Research

The Saban Research Institute of Children's Hospital Los Angeles is among the largest and most productive pediatric research centers in the western United States. With \$37.4 million in grant funding, nearly 100 physician/scientists collaborate to combat cancer, brain disorders, autism, obesity and diabetes, among other devastating pediatric diseases. The Saban Research Institute is one of the few freestanding research centers in the U.S. where scientific inquiry is combined with clinical care and is devoted exclusively to children.





The goal of the Institute is to improve the health and wellness of children through a combination of basic, clinical and translational studies. Research is performed at the lab bench, in the clinic and in the community. And because of its location in Los Angeles—the second largest city in the U.S. with one of the largest and most diverse populations of children in the world—the hospital’s community spans the globe.

## Nursing

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles was recognized as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2008. The highly skilled nurses at Children’s Hospital work in a variety of acute care areas, including:

### Surgical Services

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles performs 15,500 pediatric surgeries a year—more complex surgical procedures than any other hospital in Southern California. The hospital’s Department of Surgery encompasses nine divisions:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Dentistry
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric Surgery
- Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Urology

The Hospital’s **Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)** includes 10 beds.

### Medical Services

**5 East** is a 32-bed unit for adolescent medicine, allergy and immunology, genetics, hematologic disorders and neurology. **5 West** is a 32-bed acute medical unit for general pediatrics, infectious diseases, pulmonary conditions and rheumatology, diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic disorders. This unit can accommodate up to 15 home ventilator and/or bilevel positive airway pressure (BiPAP) patients who are stable enough to be outside an intensive care setting. It is the only non-intensive care unit in the hospital managing patients with diabetic ketoacidosis on insulin drips. Common infectious diseases treated on 5 West include tuberculosis, pertussis and Kawasaki disease.

**6 East** is a 32-bed unit caring for children requiring medical and surgical care. Common specialties include neurosurgery, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, plastic and maxillofacial surgery and urology. This is a fast-moving unit with great emphasis on the fundamentals of pediatric nursing.

**6 West** is a 32-bed unit focusing on acute medical and surgical care. It is comprised of gastroenterology, nephrology, ophthalmology, pediatric surgery and solid organ transplant (other than cardiothoracic transplants).

The **Rehabilitation Unit (6 North)** is a 30-bed unit treating children with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, other rheumatoid diseases, head trauma, spinal cord injury, anoxic brain insults, orthopaedic and general surgery, cystic fibrosis and cancer and blood diseases.

The **Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases** is one of the nation's largest pediatric hematology-oncology programs. The Center sees nearly 1,200 newly diagnosed patients and patients seeking second opinions annually, and the Center's outpatient clinic sees nearly 25,000 visits a year. The fourth floor of the Anderson Pavilion houses the hospital's inpatient cancer services.

The 14-bed **Bone Marrow Transplant Unit** treats a variety of malignant and non-malignant disorders. The unit is accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT). The first bone marrow transplant was performed at Children's Hospital in 1983 for a 6-year-old child with Black Fan-Diamond Syndrome. The first unrelated bone marrow transplant was performed in 1990 for a 15-year-old with aplastic anemia. More than 1,150 hematopoietic stem cell transplants have been performed at the hospital, and approximately 50 to 60 are performed annually.

There are two separate inpatient hematology-oncology units—collectively comprised of approximately 85 percent oncology patients and 15 percent hematology patients, treating children requiring diagnostic work





to establish a new diagnosis, administration of standard and investigational chemotherapy, treatment of complications of therapy, supportive care and end-of-life care. The most common childhood cancer disorders include leukemia and central nervous system tumors. The most common hematological disorders include sickle cell anemia, thalassemia and aplastic anemia.

**4 East** and **4 West** have 48 beds, treating medically complex patients with leukemia, lymphoma, hematology disorders, bone and soft tissue tumors and other solid tumors, central nervous system tumors and step-down hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients.

The Center's outpatient services accommodate most procedures, including those requiring general anesthesia or conscious sedation. The clinics deliver comprehensive care in hematology, oncology, bone marrow transplant and The HOPE Program. The outpatient area also includes the Hematology-Oncology Day Hospital, radiation oncology, urgent care and a referral service.

**The Heart Institute** at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is an international leader in the treatment of heart disease and lung disorders in children. It is the largest pediatric cardiovascular center in the West, and serves as a global referral center; physicians and staff care for about 8,000 inpatients and outpatients a year. The hospital's heart services are provided on the second floor of the Anderson Pavilion.

The 24-bed **Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit (CTICU)** houses critically ill infants and children with heart or lung disease. The **Cardiovascular Acute Care Unit** houses 21 beds, caring for cardiovascular acute care cases. The floor also houses two cardiac catheterization labs and the Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery Outpatient Center. It is the largest inpatient unit for children with congenital heart disease on the West Coast.

## Critical Care Services

Children's Hospital Los Angeles is the only freestanding Level I Pediatric Trauma Center in Los Angeles County approved by the County Department of Health Services and accredited by the American College of Surgeons. It treats more than 1,100 pediatric trauma patients per year.

The hospital's **Emergency Department** manages more than 25 percent of all pediatric emergency cases in Los Angeles County, with 66,000 visits per year.

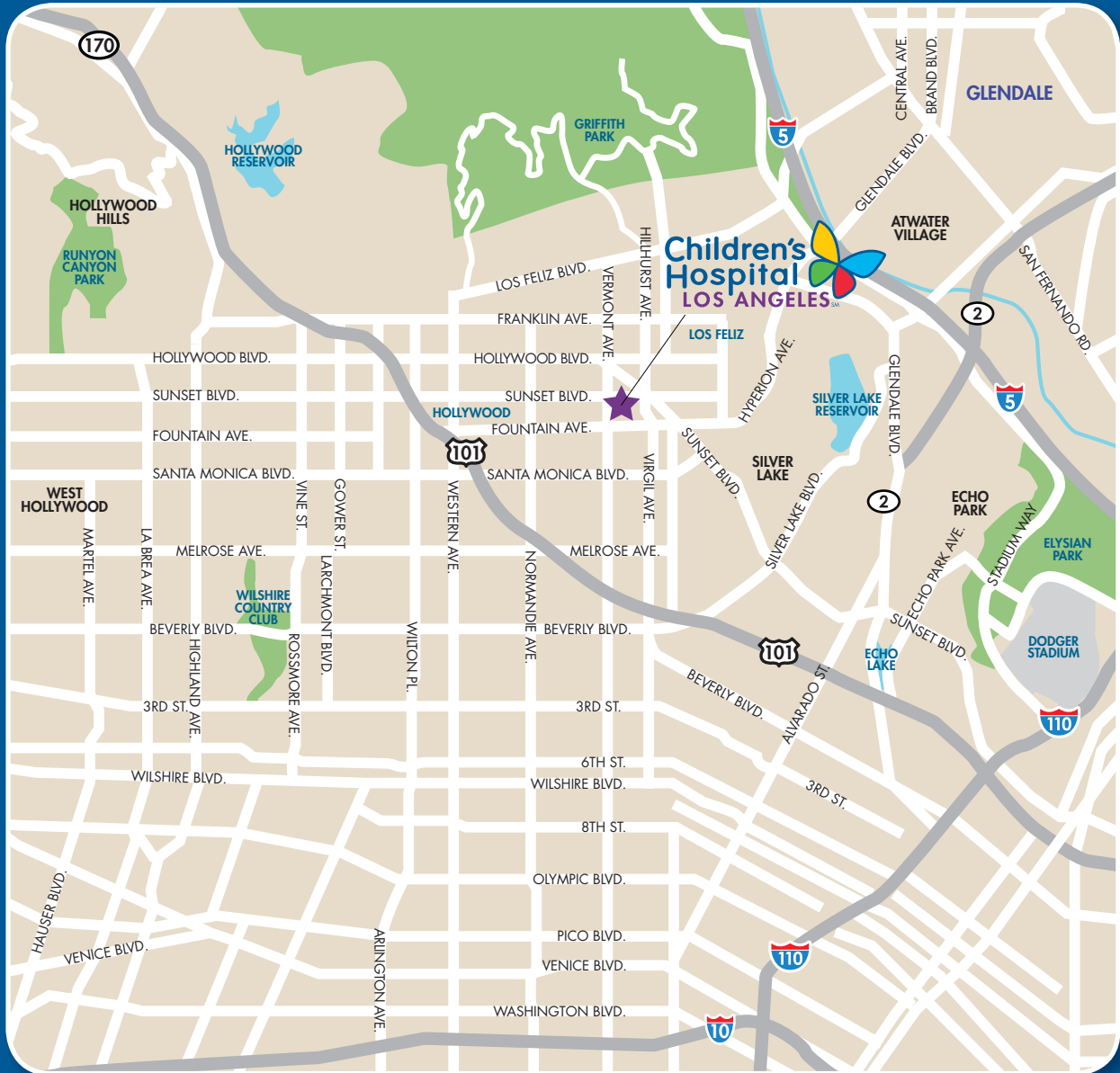
The **Audrey Hepburn CARES Team** at Children's Hospital provides comprehensive medical and mental health services to children who are suspected victims of child maltreatment, including sexual and physical abuse, neglect and HIV infection.

Children's Hospital has more pediatric intensive care beds than any other hospital in the western United States. The hospital's 24-bed **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)**, designated a Beacon Unit by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, admits approximately 100 patients per month, and provides care for trauma cases, critical medical cases and post-operative surgical patients from all subspecialties.

The **Newborn and Infant Critical Care Unit (NICCU)**, a level III neonatal intensive care unit, features 58 beds and serves as a referral center for the western United States. It provides a complete range of medical and surgical services for neonates with the most complex medical and surgical conditions. The unit's specialized programs include the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Program, a neuroprotective whole-body Therapeutic Hypothermia Program, highly specialized ventilatory and cardiovascular support, major surgical neonatal/infant critical care and neonatal and infant diagnostic and follow-up services.

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