The Division of Emergency and Transport Medicine treats more than 88,000 infants, children and adolescents each year. The Emergency Department (ED) is a designated Level I pediatric trauma critical care center and pediatric critical care center. The hospital’s dedicated Emergency Transport team provides interfacility transfer to and from the hospital. The team is available 24/7 and also provides transportation to Children’s Hospital from anywhere in North America and internationally.

As a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, we are one of 12 hospitals in the nation providing the highest level of emergency care for children. Our specialized trauma team consists of emergency and critical care physicians, surgeons and ancillary personnel. The nursing team is comprised of caring and experienced nurses with a passion for treating children.

We are also designated as a pediatric critical care center, a designation signifying the ability to provide emergency and critical care for ill and injured patients from infancy through adolescence.

The CHLA Emergency Transport Program carries infants, children and adolescents suffering from life-threatening illnesses or injuries. The team can mobilize and use one of the following modes of transportation:

- Customized neonatal/pediatric ambulances
- Sikorsky S-76 helicopters
- Learjet

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Programs and Services

- Emergency Department
- Level I Trauma Program
- Ultrasound Program
- Transport Medicine

Highlights and Accomplishments

Emergency Department:
- Has a Sedation Program to provide comfort and safety to patients undergoing procedures
- Is one of only a few Pediatric Disaster Resource and Training Centers in the country.

Emergency Transport Program:
- Pioneered the use of inhaled nitric oxide for newborns as a bridging device until advanced interventions such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) can be initiated
- Successfully transitions neonates off high-frequency ventilation to conventional ventilation during transport