Good News Santa Monica!

California’s “Best” health care for kids is right in your backyard.

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles – Santa Monica is located in the Saint John’s Medical Plaza, one block northeast of St. John’s Health Center.
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is L.A.’s first and largest hospital dedicated specifically to treating children throughout Southern California. The hospital has been named to the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of children’s hospitals—among the top five in the country—and the only children’s hospital in California ranked nationally in all 10 pediatric specialties. The hospital’s physicians are faculty members at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC).

The same expert physicians caring for children at the nationally renowned Children’s Hospital Los Angeles will be seeing patients in the hospital’s new outpatient center located in the Saint John’s Medical Plaza, one block northeast of Saint John’s Health Center in Santa Monica.

Why is it important to see pediatric specialists?

- They are trained in treating childhood illnesses and injuries.
- Their care is age-appropriate, helping children continue to achieve the important developmental milestones of childhood.
- Their goal is family-centered care, treating parents as an integral part of the health care team.
- They provide a care environment tailored to make children feel safe and protected.
Areas of Care

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles – Santa Monica offers convenient access to a wide variety of Board-certified and Board-eligible pediatric specialists for initial evaluation and follow-up care. Specialists from the following areas are available:

Endocrinology

One of the largest endocrine programs in the world, the Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism provides comprehensive care for children with short stature, thyroid issues, puberty disorders, adrenal disorders and more. Doctors and dietitians specializing in type 1 and type 2 diabetes are also available to see patients. Newly diagnosed patients with diabetes or patients who are new to insulin pump therapy are seen at the Children’s Hospital main campus for the first six to nine months by the hospital’s comprehensive diabetes team, and then may transition to care at outlying clinics or satellite locations.

Hematology, Oncology and Blood and Marrow Transplantation

The Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the top cancer program in the West and fourth in the nation for 2013-14. The Center is one of the nation’s largest programs of its kind, and offers access to a wide variety of leading-edge clinical trials and research consortia. Center specialists are nationally and internationally respected experts who have been providing leading-edge care and pioneering diagnostic and treatment advances for infants, children and adolescents with cancer and blood diseases for more than five decades.
Medical Genetics

Early leaders in the field of inborn errors of metabolism, the Division of Medical Genetics at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles has a long and proud tradition of research and treatment of metabolic disorders such as phenylketonuria and galactosemia. Operating the largest metabolic center in California, the staff of geneticists represent all subspecialties in clinical genetics, and along with genetic counselors, nursing staff and dietitians see a wide array of conditions. These include metabolic and mitochondrial disorders; brain malformations and other neurological disorders thought to be of genetic origin; birth defects such as limb abnormalities; neurocutaneous disorders such as neurofibromatosis; connective tissue disorders such as Marfan syndrome and skeletal dysplasias; autism; abnormal results of genetic testing requiring further evaluation and genetic counseling; and other genetic and hereditary disorders. Division specialists also staff such multispecialty clinics as the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles-USC Institute for Maternal-Fetal Health and the Neurocutaneous Disorders Clinic.
Neurology

The Division of Neurology provides consultative care for children with a variety of chronic or recurrent neurological conditions, including headaches and migraines, developmental disabilities and delays, cerebral palsy, movement disorders, macrocephaly and microcephaly, neurodegenerative disorders, neuromuscular disorders, seizure disorders and epilepsy. These Board-certified pediatric neurologists are part of a larger team of pediatric neurologists and related services at the Los Angeles campus. In general, children needing care for acute neurological conditions or who come for an initial evaluation of seizures and epilepsy are referred to the main hospital.

Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery

For more than 25 years, the Division of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery has provided hope to children and their families, offering advanced treatment options and compassionate, comprehensive care. Today, the Division is one of the nation’s largest, most respected craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery centers, with five full-time pediatric plastic surgeons. Specialists perform more than 1,500 surgeries and log more than 6,500 patient visits annually—attracting patients from across the United States and the world. Division surgeons care for children with a broad spectrum of conditions, including skin lesions, vascular tumors, fused fingers, burns, cleft lip or palate, facial fractures, defects from tumor removal, dog bites, scarring from infections, craniosynostosis, chest and breast deformities, jaw deformities, severed fingers (and other body parts) and wounds.
Urology

The Division of Pediatric Urology at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles comprises one of the largest groups of fellowship-trained and Board-certified pediatric urologists in the United States. Division physicians provide comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care for infants, children, adolescents and young adults with hereditary and acquired genitourinary disorders. This can include evaluations of the genitourinary tract, circumcisions, hernias, hydroceles, orchidopexy for undescended testes, hypospadias, kidney and bladder surgery, and complex genitourinary reconstruction. The Division’s surgeons perform more than 2,500 surgeries annually—the largest number of pediatric urology surgeries in the southwestern United States.

More specialty areas being added soon.

Children’s Orthopaedic Center – Santa Monica

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The Children’s Orthopaedic Center is one of the nation’s most comprehensive programs dedicated to pediatric musculoskeletal care, education and research. Specialists treat everything from simple fractures to complex spine deformities. The Center’s Sports Medicine Program is the only program in California focused on the young athlete and comprises experts with specialized fellowship training in sports medicine and pediatrics. The Center provides an interdisciplinary team of orthopaedic surgeons, orthopaedic nurses, physician assistants, oncologists, rehabilitation experts, prosthetists, physical therapists and biomedical engineers to evaluate and treat childhood bone, muscle and joint problems and injuries.

The Center is ranked fourth nationally among all pediatric orthopaedic programs and first in the western United States. Children’s Orthopaedic Center specialists also serve as physicians for the L.A. Galaxy soccer team, and the Center has one of the most comprehensive concussion programs in California, with a pediatric neuropsychologist and neurosurgery support as needed. The Center features the state-of-the-art John C. Wilson Jr. Motion and Sports Assessment Laboratory at the hospital’s main campus to help athletes prevent injury and improve performance. Services in Santa Monica include a casting room and radiology for broken limbs.