



Cook Children's Delivers Exceptional Care: Seven Specialties Ranked Among Top 50 by U.S. News & World Report

List ranks Cook Children's among the best children's hospitals for pediatric behavioral health, cancer, cardiology, endocrinology, neurology/neurosurgery, orthopedics, and pulmonology

Fort Worth, Texas (Oct. 8, 2024) – Cook Children’s Health Care System is proud to announce that seven of its specialty programs have been ranked among the best in the country by [U.S. News & World Report’s 2024-2025 Best Children’s Hospitals](#) rankings. This recognition underscores the health care system’s unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care to children and their families.

The report, [which was released today](#), analyzed data from 108 children’s hospitals and surveyed thousands of pediatric specialists.

The following Cook Children’s specialties were named among the top programs:

- Pediatric Behavioral Health – Top 50
- Pediatric Cancer - #37 in the nation
- Pediatric Cardiology - #37 in the nation
- Pediatric Endocrinology - #44 in the nation
- Pediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery - #45 in the nation
- Pediatric Orthopedics - #24 in the nation
- Pediatric Pulmonology - #48 in the nation

This is the first year for U.S. News & World Report to include Pediatric Behavioral Health as “Top 50” programs and Cook Children’s was named to the inaugural list. Other highlights include Cook Children’s Cardiology jumping to #37 and Cook Children’s Orthopedics moving an impressive 16 spots in the rankings, from #40 last year to #24.

“We’re thrilled to see our Pediatric Behavioral Health services recognized on a national level,” said Kia Carter, M.D., co-medical director of Inpatient and Consultation Liaison Psychiatric Services. “Our team’s expertise in child and adolescent mental health is unparalleled. These rankings reflect our commitment to providing evidence-based care that empowers young people to thrive.”

U.S. News & World Report evaluated children’s hospitals based on a variety of factors, including quality of care, clinical research programs, services and surgeries performed, patient and family involvement and access to resources, staff dedication, recognition as a Nurse Magnet Hospital, and more.

For Cook Children’s Health Care System as a whole, the rankings highlight longstanding excellence in a variety of areas.

"It's a tremendous honor to be recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* once again," said Rick W. Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's. "This recognition is a testament to the exceptional work of our doctors, nurses, and staff, who consistently strive to provide the best possible care for every child, every day. Our dedication to our promise and values, combined with our strong culture, sets us apart, and we're proud to be named a top children's hospital."

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About Cook Children's

Cook Children's is more than a health care system: we strive to be an extension of your family, growing with your child from their first steps to adulthood. By collaborating to deliver on our Promise—to improve the well-being of every child in our care and our communities, we connect the dots for our patients. Between primary and specialty. Between home and medical home. Between short-term care and long-term health.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're 9,700+ dedicated team members strong, passionately caring for over 2 million patient encounters each year. Our integrated, not-for-profit organization spans two medical centers (including our state-of-the-art location in Prosper), two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. In 2024, Forbes named Cook Children's the top health care employer in the U.S., and third on the list of ['America's Best Large Employers.'](#)

And our impact extends beyond the borders of Texas. We proudly treat children from virtually every state in the nation and 32 countries. By seeing the world through the eyes of children and their families from all backgrounds, we're able to shape health care suited to them: connected by kindness, imagination and respect—with an extra dose of magical wonder.

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