



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## Pediatric Allergy and Immunology

The new University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital is a state-of-the-art medical center with a kid-friendly, family focus. Our teams of pediatric experts develop individualized treatment plans for each child. They also successfully treat complex conditions.

In addition to advanced technology, our hospital offers private rooms and in-room sleeping accommodations for parents, as well as group play areas for kids. Our pediatric care is ranked among the best in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

### WHY CHOOSE US FOR YOUR CHILD'S ALLERGY CARE?

Doctors at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital are experts on a wide variety of childhood allergies, from common to rare. We specialize in diagnosing and treating the full range of allergic and immune disorders of infancy and childhood, with a particular focus on asthma.

In addition to providing expertise in the clinical care of allergy and immune disorders, our doctors are advancing research on what causes these conditions as well. For example, one of our allergy and immunology experts is involved in a collaborative study to evaluate the roles that genes and the environment play in the development of asthma in African-American, Caucasian, and Hispanic ethnic groups. Our experts are also involved

in community research to improve the detection of asthma in schools. As a result of our institution-wide research, your child receives the best possible medical care from doctors and nurses with extensive knowledge of these chronic conditions in children.

### PEDIATRIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY CARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF MEDICINE

Our nationally recognized experts care for children with problems such as:

- Allergic rhinitis
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Atopic dermatitis
- Congenital immunologic disorders
- Eczema
- Food allergy
- Hay fever
- Hives
- Immune system disorders
- Latex allergy
- Recurrent infections
- Skin rash
- Urticaria

### ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS AND INNOVATIVE THERAPIES

An accurate diagnosis is the first step in managing childhood allergy and immunology problems. Our pediatric specialists can provide a complete evaluation that includes:

- Allergen skin testing
- Blood testing
- Bronchial provocation testing
- Immune function testing
- Lung function testing
- Psychosocial evaluation and support, if needed



Following a comprehensive assessment, our team will build an individualized treatment plan with your child's pediatrician. Your child's treatment may include medication, environmental modification, allergen immunotherapy, or other therapies. We provide these options – as well



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as education and support – to ensure that your child stays as healthy as possible.

Our team is also available to educate your family so you can effectively manage your child's condition at home. We provide tools and resources to help you and your child avoid allergy triggers and manage other problems that may aggravate the condition, such as pollen, dust mites, smoke, or pets.

#### **EXPERTISE WITH ASTHMA**

Comprehensive care is available for patients of all ages through the University of Chicago Asthma Center. The center's asthma experts work together on research, education, and clinical care to offer solutions to the growing problem of asthma, particularly among children in urban neighborhoods.

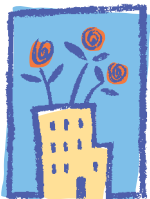
Chicago Comer Children's Hospital physicians also provide asthma screening, education, and support through the Community Asthma Program based at La Rabida Children's Hospital. The program has been successful at expanding teacher and parent awareness of asthma and promoting communication among doctors, families, and schools.

#### **A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR FOOD ALLERGIES**

Food allergies are a common and very frustrating condition for the child and family. In our Food Allergy Evaluation Program, our approach is based on a careful history and appropriate allergy testing. We combine this information to develop an avoidance and emergency plan to prevent food reactions and treat them when they occur. We include input from skilled nutritionists, who have expertise in the management of food allergies.

#### **CONTACT US**

To learn more about pediatric allergy and immunology services at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, please call 1-888-UCH-0200 or (773) 702-1000, or visit our Web site at [www.uchicagokidshospital.org/allergy/](http://www.uchicagokidshospital.org/allergy/).



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