



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Pediatric Emergency Medicine

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*.

WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL?

As a Level 1 Trauma Center, Chicago Comer Children's Hospital provides immediate, highly specialized pediatric emergency services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our emergency department — the only Level 1 Trauma Center on the South Side of Chicago — treats more than 29,000 patients each year, including hundreds with complex trauma injuries. Fully equipped air medical transport is also available for critically injured children in surrounding areas.

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF MEDICINE

Kids benefit from doctors who are experts in treating kids. The same is true when it comes to emergency care. Our dedicated, compassionate

staff includes emergency pediatricians and pediatric surgeons, nurses, social workers, and other professionals who are experienced in treating common as well as complex medical issues in children. These include:

- Allergy
- Asthma
- Child abuse
- Congenital heart disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Poisoning and overdose
- Sexual abuse
- Trauma

Currently, patients receive state-of-the-art emergency services on the first floor of the Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital, with easy access to the Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. A new trauma center, currently under construction, will be located just east of the Chicago Comer Children's Hospital on Drexel Avenue at 57th Street.

ADVANCED EMERGENCY CARE SPECIFICALLY FOR CHILDREN

Our emergency department was designed with kids in mind. The décor is kid-friendly, and the equipment and supplies are "kid-sized." These kid details help make children more comfortable during

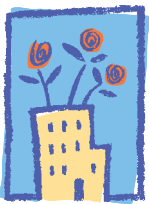
their hospital visit. In addition, caring Child Life staff members and volunteers provide comfort to children who require emergency services. This one-on-one attention helps ease the stress children experience and provides a welcome form of support for families.



For children and teens who are critically ill and require continuing care after their visit to the trauma center, the hospital's nationally recognized Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) can provide needed medical services as well as support.

EXPERTISE WITH ASTHMA

Uncontrolled asthma results in flare-ups, which frequently require a trip to the emergency room. Our specialists have developed an asthma discharge kit, a tool to help families to better manage a child's



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asthma. The kit — given to families of children with asthma who agree to participate in a research study — contains a variety of helpful resources, including educational brochures and tools to monitor asthma. While in the ER, families also view a videotape that offers vital information about managing the disease.

EXPERIENCE WITH TRAUMA IN YOUNG PEOPLE

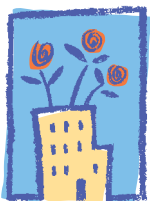
The pediatric trauma service at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital is dedicated to providing optimal care for children suffering from significant traumatic injuries. Young trauma patients are rapidly evaluated and stabilized by a multidisciplinary team of professionals, including pediatric surgeons, adult and pediatric emergency medicine specialists, and pediatric critical care specialists. In addition, the new, spacious trauma suite also provides the most advanced facilities, allowing doctors to treat four trauma victims at the same time, if needed.

PROTECTING CHILDREN, PREVENTING ABUSE

The hospital is also home to a renowned Child Protective Services (CPS) team that identifies and treats victims of child abuse and neglect. Established in 1993, the CPS team is dedicated to ensuring that all children live in a safe environment. CPS provides consultation on a 24-hour basis to the hospital and community. Our approach is interdisciplinary, and our focus on enhancing the family's ability to ensure appropriate medical, environmental, and emotional care for their children.

CONTACT US

To learn more about pediatric emergency 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/emergency-medicine/.



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