



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Pediatric Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose, and Throat)

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 PEDIATRIC EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT CARE?

Doctors at Chicago Comer Children's Hospital have the expertise and resources to diagnose ear, nose, and throat problems quickly and accurately. They also offer unique approaches to common problems. For instance, chronic sinusitis is a problem that frequently occurs in children. Our physicians usually treat sinusitis with medications, but sometimes medical treatment is not successful. If surgery is required, our otolaryngologists (ear, nose, and throat specialists) use CT-guided surgery equipment – not available at most hospitals – for a safe and complete procedure.

PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY AT THE FOREFRONT OF MEDICINE

Our nationally recognized experts

care for children with conditions affecting the ear, nose, and throat. These include:

- Airway problems
- Choanal atresia
- Congenital and acquired neck masses
- Congenital ear atresia
- Ear infections (otitis media)
- Gastroesophageal reflux-related problems
- Obstructive sleep apnea
- Sensorineural hearing loss
- Sinusitis
- Snoring
- Recurrent throat infections

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO AIRWAY PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN

We provide innovative treatments for airway problems, ranging from uncomplicated stridor (high-pitched, noisy breathing) to life-threatening airway obstructions. Our otolaryngologists use advanced equipment and techniques to precisely diagnose and treat these conditions. When surgery is needed, our doctors often use endoscopic techniques to minimize pain and reduce scarring. These are done in a state-of-the-art surgical facility in collaboration with pediatric anesthesiologists. For children who require acute care in our intensive care unit, our pediatric



otolaryngologists work closely with our expert pediatric critical care team to identify problems and resolve them.

EXPERTISE WITH EAR INFECTIONS

Ear infections, a common problem in children, can lead to fevers, sleeping problems, and hearing loss that affects a child's speech and language. Here, we offer a variety of hearing tests for children with frequent ear infections. If medical treatment (usually antibiotics) does not solve the problem, our physicians can place pressure-equalizing tubes across the drum while the child is under general anesthesia. This procedure ventilates the middle ear and decreases the frequency of ear infections. In children with severe and chronic problems, more comprehensive surgeries are available.



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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SNORING PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN

Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is characterized by snoring, mouth breathing, and breathing pauses that interrupt a child's sleep and cause frequent awakenings. Recent studies are linking this common problem to behavioral issues in children, such as inattention and hyperactivity as well as poor school performance. Our physicians can diagnose OSA based on symptoms and diagnostic tests. Such tests include sleep studies and X-rays to view the adenoids – tissues in the back of the nose above the roof of the mouth. Our doctors work closely with sleep specialists to offer the best care for even the most complicated cases of OSA.

HELP FOR HEARING LOSS

Chicago Comer Children's Hospital provides a comprehensive range of services to identify and treat children with congenital hearing loss. We offer:

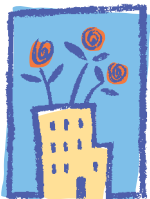
- Testing with advanced equipment and techniques including otoacoustic emissions and brainstem auditory evoked response (BAER)
- Newborn screens
- Traditional hearing aids
- Bone-anchored hearing aids

- Cochlear implantation and rehabilitation
- Genetic testing and counseling

Children requiring sedation for testing are observed by specially trained nurses in a specialized pediatric procedure area.

CONTACT US

To learn more about pediatric otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) 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/ent/.



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