St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children is a free-standing pediatric hospital located at 160 East Erie Avenue in Philadelphia. A leader in pediatric care since 1875, St. Christopher’s is nationally recognized by its programs and pediatric specialists, who provide exceptional care to children throughout the Greater Philadelphia region and around the world.

St. Christopher’s is a 189-bed hospital that is committed to delivering high quality patient-centered care to children throughout the greater Delaware Valley. It has a full range of pediatric subspecialists to support the care of its patients and the families it serves. Its highly acclaimed programs include the highest level of pediatric trauma care and neonatal care, a Heart Center, Oncology unit and the only dedicated pediatric burn center in the region. St. Christopher's also has one of the busiest emergency departments for children in the country, with over 70,000 annual visits.

With more than 220 pediatric experts on staff St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children combines top-notch general pediatric care with a wide array of pediatric specialties.

In addition to its main location in Philadelphia, the hospital has a growing network of primary and specialty care locations throughout the Philadelphia suburbs and New Jersey so your child's health conditions can be treated close to home.

**In addition to caring for patients in and around the hospital, we also have:**

**Specialty Pediatric Locations:**
- Abington, PA, including outpatient pediatric therapy and sports therapy for the young athlete
- Bucks County, PA
- Reading, PA
- Bethlehem, PA
- Washington Township, NJ

**General Pediatric Offices:**
- East Falls, PA
- Northeast, PA
- Langhorne, PA
- Yardley, PA

**Pediatric Urgent Care Center:**
- Abington, PA

To learn more about the many services and programs offered at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, please call 1-888-CHRISKIDS or visit stchristophershospital.com.
Today, we provide a variety of pediatric specialties and programs:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Ambulatory Pediatrics
- Anesthesiology
- Audiology
- Burn (Regional Burn Center for Children)
- Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Child Life Program
- Child Protection
- Critical Care
- Dental Medicine
- Developmental Pediatrics
  - Spina Bifida Program
- Ear, Nose & Throat (Otolaryngology)
  - Airway
  - Cochlear Implant Program
- Emergency Medicine/ Transport
- Endocrinology
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Fetal Evaluation Center
- Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
  - Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease
  - Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Program
- GI Mobility Diagnostic Center
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
- Nutrition Services
- General Pediatrics
- Genetics
- Graduate Medical Education
- Grow Clinic
- Heart Center
- Cardiology
- Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
- Cardiac Services: Echo/EKG/Exercise Laboratory
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Hematology
- Bleeding Disorders
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- HIV/AIDS
- Hospital Medicine
- Immunology
- Infectious Disease
- Kidney Center for Children
  - Renal Transplant Program
  - Dialysis and Apheresis Unit
- General Nephrology
- Neonatal Care
- Neurology
  - Sleep Disorders (Sleep Center for Children)
- Neurosurgery
  - Comprehensive Epilepsy Surgical
  - Concussion/ Traumatic Brain Injury
- Hydrocephalus
  - Positional Plagiocephaly
- Spasticity
  - Next Steps Program
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology
- Bone Marrow Transplant
- Neuro-oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Foot and Ankle Program
- Spasticity/Cerebral Palsy
- Spinal Disorders
- Sports Medicine
- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic Surgery
- Breast Reconstruction
- Burn (Regional Burn Center)
- Cleft Lip and Palate
- Cosmetics
- Craniofacial Program
- Facial Trauma
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology & Allergy
  - Airway Program
  - Cystic Fibrosis
  - Sleep Disorders
  - Radiology
  - CT Scanning
  - MRI
- Rheumatology
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile
- Sleep Center for Children
- Social Work
- Speech Therapy
- Surgery
  - Minimally-Invasive Surgery
- Trauma Center – Level 1
- Transplant Services
- Urgent Care
- Urology

Children’s hospitals are made with children’s health needs in mind.

When it comes to your child’s health, only the best will do. That is why choosing a children's hospital, which has the top pediatric specialists focused completely on the unique needs of children and technologically advanced facilities geared toward children, makes sense. Children's hospitals serve as regional centers for children's health, offering a full range of care from routine pediatric or specialty care to emergency and complex inpatient medical and surgical care.

Children and adults are different and so are their health care needs. A hospital geared toward adults may not adequately suit the needs of children. Children need to be cared for by doctors, nurses and other health care providers who understand these key differences and are trained to address them. Here are some of the ways in which children are unique:

**Growth and Development**

Children go through many stages of growth and development. Illnesses can affect children differently from adults and can even vary throughout the various stages of childhood development. Understanding the impact of growth and development on children and the way they respond to treatment at different stages is critical to ensuring the best possible outcomes for medical treatment.

**Size**

Children come in all sizes, from premature infants to young adults, and they need services and equipment that fit their size. Hospitals that specialize in treating children ensure medical equipment and everything from the doses of anesthesia to the amount of radiation are all readily available and adjusted appropriately for children of any size.

**Communication**

Some children may be too young to talk, while others may have difficulty expressing themselves and understanding what is happening to them. Children's hospital clinicians have experience communicating with children so they can recognize when they are in distress or need assistance. Trained child life specialists are also available to provide emotional support for families and promote effective coping through play, preparation, education and self-expression activities.

The best hospital for your child is one that specializes in children’s unique health care needs. Children's hospitals are specifically designed to care for the whole child through a child- and family-centered approach to medicine.

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