



## U.S. News & World Report Announces the 2017-2018 Best Children's Hospitals

*Boston Children's Hospital recognized as nation's No. 1 pediatric center; new rankings reflect increased weight on survival after cardiac surgery*

**Washington, D.C. – June 27, 2017** – U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings, today released the 2017-18 [Best Children's Hospitals](#) rankings, part of its patient portal to help families find the best medical care for their child. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings are the only source of comprehensive, quality-related information on U.S. pediatric centers.

The new edition highlights the top 50 centers in each of these [10 pediatric specialties](#): cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology.

Ten hospitals earned a place on the [Honor Roll](#) – a distinction awarded to pediatric centers that deliver exceptionally high-quality care across multiple specialties. Boston Children's Hospital tops this year's Honor Roll and ranked No. 1 in five of the 10 specialties. Other hospitals with No. 1 rankings include Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (in diabetes and endocrinology and in pulmonology), Children's National Medical Center (in neonatology), Texas Children's Hospital (in cardiology and heart surgery) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (in cancer).

### The 2017-18 Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll

1. [Boston Children's Hospital](#)
2. [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#)
3. [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center](#)
4. [Texas Children's Hospital](#)
5. [Johns Hopkins Children's Center](#)
6. [Children's Hospital Los Angeles](#)
7. [Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#)
7. [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#)
9. [Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC](#)
10. [Children's National Medical Center](#)

### Top Five Children's Hospitals in Selected Specialties

#### Pediatric Cardiology & Heart Surgery

1. Texas Children's Hospital
2. Boston Children's Hospital
3. Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
3. University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital
5. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

#### Pediatric Orthopedics

1. Boston Children's Hospital
2. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
3. Rady Children's Hospital
4. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
5. Children's Medical Center Dallas-Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

#### Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology

1. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2. Boston Children's Hospital
3. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
4. Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital
5. Children's Hospital Los Angeles

“The ranked pediatric centers in Best Children’s Hospitals provide an extraordinarily high level of care and deserve to be recognized for their commitment,” said U.S. News Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “Children with life-threatening illnesses or rare conditions need the state-of-the-art services and expertise these hospitals deliver every day.”

The Best Children’s Hospitals [methodologies](#) include objective measures such as clinical outcomes, patient volume, infection control, adequacy of nurse staffing, efficiency and coordination of care delivery, compliance with best practices and more. For the latest Pediatric Cardiology & Heart Surgery rankings, U.S. News reduced the weight of hospital reputation from 15 percent to 8.5 percent and added a new measure of patient survival based on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons’ [Congenital Heart Surgery Database](#). For details on these and other 2017-18 methodology changes, [read more](#).

“The STS Congenital Heart Surgery Database provides the most accurate information to help assess outcomes of pediatric heart surgery programs,” said Jeffrey P. Jacobs, MD, Chair of the STS National Database Workforce and co-director of the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Heart Institute. “Incorporating STS data into the methodology for U.S. News’ Best Children's Hospital rankings helps provide families with valuable information about the quality of pediatric heart surgery programs and how to choose the best care for their child.”

RTI International, a North Carolina-based research and consulting firm, collected and analyzed data from children’s hospitals and surveyed thousands of pediatric specialists. More than 100 medical directors, pediatric specialists and other experts provided input through methodology working groups. U.S. News has identified the individuals who make up these working groups in the 2017-18 [methodology](#) report.

For more information about the 2017-18 rankings, please visit our [FAQ](#). The rankings will be published in the U.S. News “Best Hospitals 2018” guidebook, available for pre-order from the [U.S. News Store](#) for delivery in late August.

For more information, visit [Best Children’s Hospitals](#) and use #BestHospitals on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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