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Seven Children's Specialties Ranked Among Nation's Best by U.S. News & World Report

For the eighth consecutive year, Children's of Alabama is ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals by U.S. News & World Report.

Seven of Children's pediatric specialty services – Cancer, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Gastroenterology/GI Surgery, Nephrology, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Orthopedics and Pulmonology – were placed among the top 50 in the United States in the magazine's 2017-18 Best Children's Hospital rankings. Currently, U.S. News & World Report ranks 10 specialties. The complete listing and corresponding rankings may be found at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/al/childrens-hospital-of-alabama-at-uab-6530170>.

"We are happy that for the eighth year we are ranked among the nation's best pediatric hospitals," said Children's CEO and president Mike Warren. "Year in and year out, our goal is to provide exceptional care, service and comfort to the patients who are entrusted to us for medical care."

Children's and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Departments of Pediatrics and Surgery collaborated to submit the requested information. Children's is the primary site for pediatric clinical and educational programs for the UAB School of Medicine. Children's of Alabama has provided specialized medical care for ill and injured children since it opened in 1911, offering inpatient and outpatient services throughout central Alabama.

U.S. News introduced the Best Children's Hospital rankings in 2007 to help families of sick children find the best medical care available. The rankings offer families an exclusive look at quality-related information at the individual hospital level.

Last year, Children's provided care for youth from every county in Alabama, 46 other states and seven foreign countries, representing more than 676,000 outpatient visits and more than 15,000 inpatient admissions. With more than 2 million square feet dedicated to pediatrics, Children's is the third largest pediatric medical facility in the U.S. More information is available at childrensal.org.

