



National rankings highlight sustained excellence in pediatric care

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

As we prepare to celebrate the topping out of Moody Children's Hospital on the New Pediatric Campus with Children's Health later this month, we are reminded of the promise this milestone holds for our region. It will position us to advance pediatric care, train the next generation of caregivers, and accelerate discoveries that improve the health and well-being of patients and families.

Today, that strong foundation is reflected in the 2026-27 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, which once again place Children's Health Dallas among the nation's leading pediatric hospitals.

Children's Health Dallas is the only hospital in Dallas-Fort Worth and the surrounding region ranked in all 11 pediatric specialties evaluated and is No. 2 in Texas. This marks the ninth consecutive year – and the 15th time since 2008 – that it has been recognized in every specialty, a distinction shared by only a select group across the country.

Please join us in congratulating our colleagues in the UT Southwestern Pediatric Group – faculty, advanced practice providers, staff, and trainees – whose expertise, compassion, dedication, and teamwork have been essential to sustaining this record of excellence.

The 2026-27 specialty rankings are:

- No. 1* Orthopedics (a joint program with Scottish Rite for Children)
- No. 5 Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- No. 10 Urology
- No. 15 Neonatology
- No. 17 Cancer
- No. 17 Neurology & Neurosurgery
- No. 20 Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- No. 22 Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- No. 26 Nephrology
- No. 35 Diabetes & Endocrinology
- **Behavioral Health

***The nation's top 50 Pediatric and Adolescent Behavioral Health programs did not receive a numerical ranking.*

Once again, we are grateful to our pediatric teams at UT Southwestern, Children's Health, and Scottish Rite for Children, whose collective efforts are reflected in these rankings. Together, they continue to advance pediatric care today while helping shape what is possible for the future.

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