



## Six Children's Mercy specialties rank in Top 25 by U.S. News and World Report

All 10 specialties ranked for 4th year in a row

Children's Mercy is once again recognized as one of the nation's top pediatric hospitals, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2018-2019 "Best Children's Hospitals" report. For the fourth year in a row, Children's Mercy is listed among the best in the country in 10 out of 10 pediatric specialties included in the survey. Children's Mercy is among an elite handful of pediatric hospitals which consistently rank in all 10 specialties. This year, seven specialties moved up an average of nearly 10 spots.

Six Children's Mercy specialties are now in the top 25, with four in the top 15:

- Nephrology/Kidney (#5)**
- Orthopedics (#12)**
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery (#13)**
- Urology (#15)**
- Diabetes and Endocrinology (#20)**
- Gastroenterology/Digestive Disorders (#25)**

"Our Nephrology team once again led the way by ranking fifth in the nation. Six of our other specialties made substantial gains," says Dr. Randall L. O'Donnell, President and CEO of Children's Mercy. "We are doing extraordinary work and will continue to practice, teach and research ways to provide the best outcomes for families everywhere."

This year, U.S. News surveyed more than 180 pediatric centers to gather clinical and operational data. This data was then combined with results from a reputational survey in which board-certified pediatric specialists representing the 10 areas were asked where they would send the sickest children in their specialty.

Those pediatric specialties include: cancer, cardiology, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and urology.

The full rankings and methodology are available at [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals).

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