

**Children’s National Hospital once again ranked among the nation’s best by U.S. News & World Report**

*Ranked in all specialties, with top 10 honors in neurology and neurosurgery, cancer, nephrology, orthopedics, and diabetes and endocrinology.*

WASHINGTON (October 7, 2025) – Children’s National Hospital in Washington, D.C., was ranked as a top hospital in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report 2025-26 Best Children’s Hospitals annual rankings. This marks the ninth straight year Children’s National has made the Honor Roll list. The Honor Roll is a distinction awarded to only 10 children’s hospitals nationwide.

For the fifteenth straight year, Children’s National ranked in 10 specialty services and is the highest U.S. News ranked children’s hospital in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Last year, U.S. News introduced pediatric & adolescent behavioral health as a service line in its rankings. While there are no ordinal rankings for behavioral health, the Children’s National program was named one of the top 50 programs in the country for the second year in a row.

“To be named among the nation’s top children’s hospitals for nine years in a row is a reflection of the extraordinary expertise, innovation and heart that our teams bring to every child and family we serve,” said [Michelle Riley-Brown, MHA, FACHE](https://www.childrensnational.org/about-us/leadership/michelle-riley-brown), president and chief executive officer of Children’s National. “Our leadership in specialties like neurology, cancer, and diabetes and endocrinology underscores the national impact of our work, and we remain focused on setting new standards in pediatric care.”

The annual rankings are the most comprehensive source of quality-related information on U.S. pediatric hospitals and recognizes the nation’s top 50 pediatric hospitals based on a scoring system developed by U.S. News.

“Being a top-ranked pediatric hospital means more than just excelling in a single specialty — it means being a pillar of outstanding care for your entire region,” said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News. “Our rankings acknowledge these hospitals for their comprehensive excellence, helping families find the very best care conveniently located within their state and community.”

The bulk of the score for each specialty service is based on quality and outcomes data. The process includes a survey of relevant specialists across the country, who are asked to list hospitals they believe provide the best care for patients with the most complex conditions.

The Children’s National specialty services that U.S. News ranked in the top 10 nationally are:

* [Neurology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/neurology) and [Neurosurgery](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/neurosurgery) (No. 4), led by Division Chiefs [William D. Gaillard, MD](https://www.childrensnational.org/providers/g/william-gaillard), and [Robert F. Keating, MD](https://www.childrensnational.org/providers/k/robert-keating)
* [Diabetes](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/diabetes-program-childhood-and-adolescent) and [Endocrinology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/endocrinology-and-diabetes) (No. 6), led by Division Chief [Andrew Dauber, MD, MMSc](https://www.childrensnational.org/providers/d/andrew-dauber)
* [Cancer](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/oncology) (No. 8), led by Division Chief [Eugene Hwang, MD](https://appointments.childrensnational.org/provider/eugene-ickjin-hwang/2359680)
* [Nephrology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/nephrology) (No. 10), led by Division Chief [Marva Moxey-Mims, MD](https://www.childrensnational.org/providers/m/marva-moxey-mims)
* [Orthopedics](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/orthopaedic-surgery-and-sports-medicine) (No. 10), led by Division Chief [Matthew Oetgen, MD, MBA](https://www.childrensnational.org/providers/o/matthew-oetgen)

The other six specialties ranked among the top 50 are [Behavioral Health](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/mental-health), [Cardiology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/cardiology) and [Heart Surgery](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/cardiac-surgery), [Gastroenterology and GI Surgery](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/gastroenterology-hepatology-and-nutrition), [Neonatology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/neonatology), [Pulmonology and Lung Surgery](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/pulmonary-medicine), and [Urology](https://www.childrensnational.org/get-care/departments/urology).

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**About Children’s National Hospital**

Children’s National Hospital, based in Washington, D.C., was established in 1870 to help every child grow up stronger. Today, it is one of the top 10 children’s hospitals in the nation and ranked in all specialties evaluated by U.S. News & World Report. Children’s National is transforming pediatric medicine for all children. The Children’s National Research & Innovation Campus opened in 2021, a first-of-its-kind pediatric hub dedicated to developing new and better ways to care for kids. Children’s National has been designated four times in a row as a Magnet® hospital, demonstrating the highest standards of nursing and patient care delivery. This pediatric academic health system offers expert care through a convenient, community-based primary care network and specialty care locations in the D.C. metropolitan area, including Maryland and Virginia. Children’s National is home to the [Children’s National Research Institute](https://childrensnational.org/research-and-education/about-cri)and [Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation](https://childrensnational.org/research-and-education/sheikh-zayed). It is recognized for its expertise and innovation in pediatric care and as a strong voice for children through advocacy at the local, regional and national levels. In 1987, Children’s National founded [Safe Kids Worldwide](https://www.childrensnational.org/in-the-community/injury-prevention/safe-kids-worldwide), a non-profit dedicated to reducing unintentional injuries among children through comprehensive national and global education, research and advocacy. As a non-profit, Children's National relies on generous donors to help ensure that every child receives the care they need.

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