A Year of Comer Care

Annual Report 2023







WELCOME

At UChicago Medicine's Comer Children's Hospital, we strive to provide the best and most advanced care possible. As part of the largest hospital system on the South Side of Chicago, we treat some of the most diverse and challenging cases in the nation. Our internationally renowned physicians, nurses, scientists, and other healthcare professionals have been shaping national standards of care for decades, while leading the way in research, education and translational discovery.













TABLE OF CONTENTS

O1. Letter from Leadership
02. A Year in Review
03. Our Care
04. Education & Training
05. Research & Education
06. Our Community
07. Mission, Vision & Values
08. Leadership & Programs





Letter from Leadership

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that we welcome you to the 2023 edition of the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital Annual Report. Driven by a commitment to excellence and an unwavering dedication to pediatric care, we are honored to share the remarkable stories, achievements, and advancements that have shaped us over the last year.

Comer Children's Hospital has long been a beacon of hope for families facing the challenges of pediatric illness, and 2023 has been no exception. In the face of unprecedented global challenges, our exceptional team of healthcare professionals, researchers, and staff have risen to the occasion, demonstrating resilience, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality care for our young patients. At a time when healthcare "must haves" aren't guaranteed and when the pediatric landscape is impossible to predict, the faculty, residents, and staff of Comer Children's demonstrated even more resilience, agility, and compassion.

In the following pages, you will find inspiring stories of triumph over adversity, groundbreaking medical research, and the tireless efforts of our healthcare heroes. Each narrative is a testament to the incredible strength of the Comer Children's community — a community that extends beyond the walls of our hospital and encompasses the countless individuals and organizations that support our mission.

Reflecting on the past year, we express our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, patients and their families, generous donors, and community partners. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our success, enabling us to provide world-class care and push the boundaries of pediatric medicine.

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of 2023 and look ahead with optimism and determination. Together, we will continue to create a brighter, healthier future for the children who rely on Comer Children's Hospital for hope, healing, and compassion.



John M. Cunningham, MD
George M. Eisenberg Professor of
Pediatrics
Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Physician-in-Chief, University of Chicago
Medicine Comer Children's Hospital



Jeff Murphy, DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC Vice President, Comer Children's Hospital Associate Chief Nursing Officer

AYEAR IN REVIEW

COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BY THE NUMBERS



161 Pediatric Hospital Beds

6,560 Pediatric Admissions

86,400 Pediatric Ambulatory Visits



35,000 Emergency Room Visits

888 Trauma Cases (ages <16 years)

4200 Pediatric Surgeries



155 Clinical Trials

405 other IRB Studies

92 Grants Awarded



55 Family Birth Center Beds 2,700 Deliveries



83 Residents **56** Fellows

1200 Staff

AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS



#2 Pediatric Hospital in Illinois



Straight A's from 2012-2023



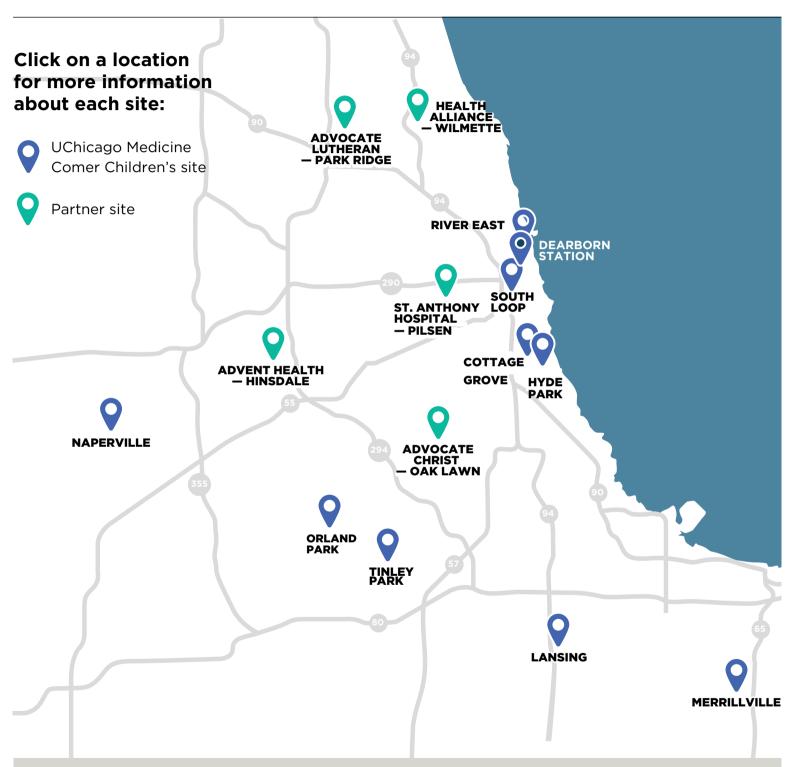
Magnet Outstanding Status

Click here to view more awards & accreditations

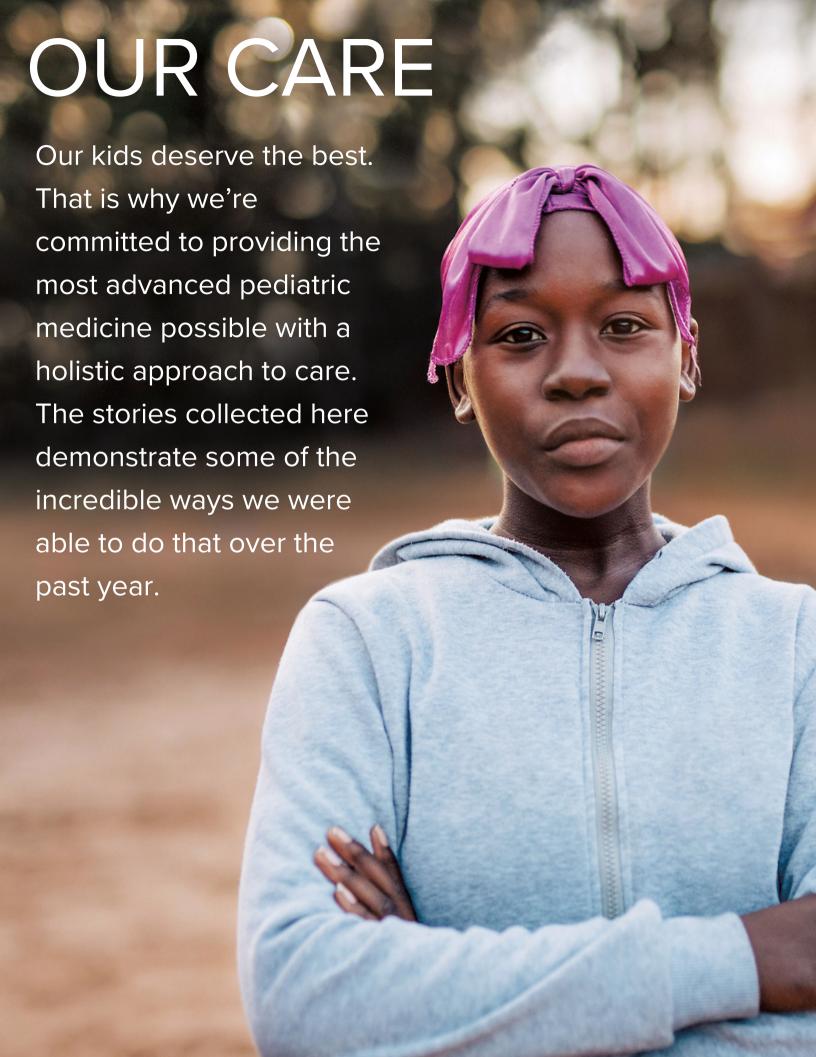


Comer Children's locations and partner sites





* UChicago Medicine Medical Group is comprised of UCM Care Network Medical Group, Inc. and Primary Healthcare Associates, S.C. UChicago Medicine Medical Group providers are not employees or agents of The University of Chicago Medical Center, UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital, The University of Chicago, UChicago Medicine at Ingalls — Calumet City, UChicago Medicine Cottage Grove, UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial, UChicago Medicine Medical Group — Homewood, UChicago Medicine Orland Park, UChicago Medicine South Loop or UChicago Medicine at Ingalls — Tinley Park.



BUILDING A CULTURE OF PATIENT SAFETY

Protecting children from hospital-acquired harms can require vastly different strategies than preventing safety events in adults in acute-care hospitals. That is why Comer Children's Hospital has joined a consortium of more than 145 pediatric hospitals committed to improving safety for their patients and staff. At Comer, that commitment includes training faculty, residents and staff on error-prevention techniques. One focus is adopting safety behaviors targeted at common causes of past events and pledging to voice safety concerns. Click here to read more.



Comer Children's Hospital

NURSING EXCELLENCE

At the University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital, we strive to create a culture of nursing excellence. Our nurses work at the forefront of medicine — providing the best and most advanced care available. Our quality and patient safety outcomes are rigorously monitored to ensure our ability to deliver exceptional patient care. Nurses are an integral part of our acclaimed care teams and work side by side with internationally recognized physicians, scientists and other healthcare professionals.



CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO STAFFING

UChicago Medicine has always been known for supporting nurses in obtaining advanced degrees through a robust tuition reimbursement program. In 2022, the nurse executive team, under the leadership of Dr. Emily Chase, set out to change how new graduate nurses are hired and supported. In 2023, the results of these efforts was recognized by improved staffing across the organization.

Through expanded Nurse Intern and Extern programs, students can join the UChicago Medicine Nursing team as early as after their first year on nursing school.

This is just one of many programs that modernize the way in which nurses are brought into the. organization.

Number of Pediatric Nurses Hired in 2023

125





MAGNET REDESIGNATION

UChicago Medicine achieved renewed Magnet designation in 2022. As the highest possible organizational credential granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Magnet Recognition is a testament to an institution's continued dedication to high-quality nursing practice. Less than 10% of U.S. hospitals earn Magnet designation just one time and even fewer receive repeat designations.



The Magnet Recognition Program provides a roadmap to nursing excellence. For our nurses, Magnet Recognition reflects the increased autonomy, professional development opportunities and supportive, collaborative environment where our nurses thrive and advance their careers. For our patients, Magnet Recognition gives them the confidence that our institution can provide the highest-quality care, lower mortality rates and improve patient satisfaction.

NATIONAL LEADERS

On October 12th, Pediatric Nursing Leaders Thomas Houchins and Lauren Rubio presented their work "A Six Sigma Approach: Establishing a New Specialty Urgent Care Model" at ANCC's Magnet Conference In Chicago. This conference is one of the largest and most prestigious international nursing conferences in the world. The project focused on leveraging Six Sigma techniques to address clinic volume variation within the Pediatric Cancer Center and establish a new Urgent Care Clinic (PHO-RAC) within the Cancer Center. This Urgent Care Clinic will support patients in getting the specialized time-sensitive care they need.





FAMILY CENTERED ROUNDING

In 2023, Comer launched a re-design of our Family-centered rounds leveraging evidence-based tools (I-PASS) to establish standards in communication. Our goal is to have families and care team members participate in rounds daily to promote care coordination, foster relationships and improve patient outcomes.



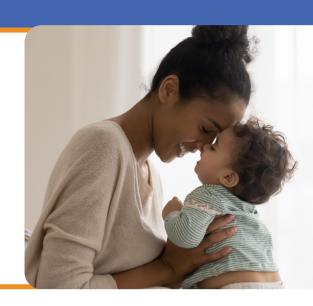
RESPONDING TO THE PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS

Comer, like many other hospitals around the country, has continued to feel the effects of the mental health crisis. Although Comer is not a psychiatric facility, we often care for patients with medical needs who also have acute psychiatric or behavioral conditions. This year, our Comer Behavioral Health taskforce worked to improve how we care for our patients with behavioral health needs to keep our patients and staff as safe as possible. One change was the optimization of our Behavioral Health Multidisciplinary rounds. At least once per week, a psychiatrist, social worker, behavioral health clinician, public safety officer and the primary care team convene to review each behavioral health patient's plan of care and precautions to keep them safe.



BETTER CARE FOR FAMILIES

Navigating the critical first months after a newborn's birth can be overwhelming for new parents. UChicago Medicine's Family Connects program provides inhouse nursing support to assist with the baby's care and to monitor maternal health outcomes and the family's overall well-being.





For most premature babies, a new 16-bed Small Baby Unit is equipped to deliver highly specialized interventions during the critical first hour after birth and an optimal neurodevelopmental environment until the baby "graduates" at around 32 weeks.

For NICU graduates, the <u>Center for</u>
<u>Healthy Families</u> helps families manage
babies with complex medical needs with
neurodevelopmental follow-up care.





TREATING KIDS WITH MARFAN SYNDROME AT A MARFAN FOUNDATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Children with Marfan Syndrome and other forms of connective-tissue disorders require care by multiple subspecialists to manage complications affecting the eyes, skeleton, and cardiovascular system. "Our understanding of the genetics associated with these syndromes allows us to tailor patients' care to their specific pathogenic gene variant," said Michael G. Earing, MD, director of the Chicago Marfan and Related Connective Tissue Disorder Program. Click here to read more.



FUNCTIONAL HEMISPHERECTOMY STOPS SEIZURES COLD IN KIDS WITH DRUG-RESISTANT EPILEPSY



Joseph Riofski, 8 years old, suffered from intractable seizures for almost four years. At UChicago Medicine's level 4 epilepsy center, he was diagnosed with Rasmussen's encephalitis, a rare autoimmune disease. Eric Thompson, MD, performed a functional hemispherectomy, preserving brain function and reducing damage to the contralateral hemisphere – and eliminating Joseph's seizures. Click here to read more.



INTESTINAL ULTRASOUND IS GAME-CHANGER FOR KIDS WITH INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE



Investigators at Comer Children's conducted a Real-time intestinal ultrasound that can revolutionize the care of children with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) by replacing the need for serial colonoscopies with a noninvasive imaging test. The ultrasound can reveal the severity and extent of IBD inflammation and complications without bowel prep, sedation, radiation and challenges of CT and MRI imaging, or the expense, according to Amelia Kellar, MD, MSC. Kellar is one of the few pediatric gastroenterologists in the county who is trained to provide bowel ultrasound. Click here to read more.

CARING FOR KIDS WITH MALS: IT'S NOT ALL IN THEIR HEAD

Comer Children's Hospital has one of the few multidisciplinary teams in the country specializing in diagnosing and treating children with median arcuate ligament syndrome. Many patients arrive at Comer with an extensive medical record describing months or years of postprandial epigastric pain, nausea, diarrhea, and weight loss -- and myriad misdiagnoses, including anorexia and psychological disorders. Click here to read more.





CHILD LIFE & EXPRESSIVE THERAPIES

Child life specialists use their expertise in child development to assess and support the emotional health and well-being of families. Focusing on each child's psychological and developmental needs, our team provides evidence-based interventions, including therapeutic play, preparation for procedures and education, which support and reduce fear, anxiety and pain for children, adolescents and families, inpatient and outpatient.



27,884

CHILD LIFE
PATIENT ENCOUNTERS

6,316

MEDICAL PREPARTION
AND PROCEDURE
SUPPORT

4,346

EXPRESSIVE THERAPIES SESSIONS

LEVERAGING VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY TO SUPPORT PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented reality (AR) are evidence based tools to help pediatric patients lower their pain and stress through immersive technology. In 2023, child life specialists used VR and AR with over 150 patients during infusions, tests and procedures.





SICKLE CELL PATHWAY

Our team of experts at UChicago Comer Children's can diagnose and treat sickle cell disease in children of all ages using advanced treatment methods and innovative research. In 2023, we made some significant enhancements to the way we care for our sickle cell patients. Patients with sickle cell anemia are shown their daily schedule three times throughout the day on GetWellNetwork, an interactive patient care system. Information about team rounds and their schedule for the day is shown on the in-room TV in the morning, afternoon, and evening. This prepares patients for team rounds and promotes a consistent daily schedule for our patients, which helps ensure that patients are able to actively engage in their care planning and recovery.

We also launched sickle cell clinical pathways for both Emergency Department and inpatient settings that are integrated into the electronic medical record (EPIC). This pathway allows our providers to easily place orders and address patient-specific pain management needs in alignment with industry best practices.





SHIRLEY RYAN ABILITY LAB

Through our alliance with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, Comer Children's patients benefit from a mission-driven partnership that aligns two premiere organizations for patient-centered care.

In 2023, rehab physicians provided over 500 visits to our patients focused on identifying interventions to promote the highest level of functional ability for each patient. Our therapy team provided nearly 12,000 visits across physical and occupational therapy in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. This care laid the groundwork for 41 patients to be discharged to Shirley Ryan AbilityLab for additional rehabilitation after their Comer stay, more than tripling the admissions from 2022.



Comer Children's relationship with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab offers our patients access to the best rehabilitation care without leaving their communities. This care includes:

- On-site physical medicine and rehabilitation physician consultations for inpatients.
- Pediatric physical and occupational therapists who benefit from the training and evidence-based practices from both organizations.
- On-site Shirley Ryan AbilityLab admission liaisons to support patients needing Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation and interested in the SRAlab pediatric program for their discharge.



TRAUMA SUPPORT AND RECOVERY

For over 35 years, Comer Children's has provided outstanding care for critically injured children from the Chicagoland area, as well as transfer patients from all across Illinois and northern Indiana. Our teams are continually advancing their expertise, in addition to providing injury prevention and violence recovery programs, community outreach and advocacy work.

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA
BY THE NUMBERS

888

<u>Traumas</u>

TRAUMA BREAKDOWN

157

704

27

Penetrating

Blunt

Other

In 2023, Comer started a new multi-disciplinary trauma recovery clinic for all pediatric trauma patients, not just those with violent injuries. This clinic is a combined pediatric trauma and child psychology clinic helping address the physical and mental health sequelae of any traumatic injury.

BLOCK HASSENFELD CASDIN (BHC) COLLABORATIVE

BHC is a comprehensive recovery model for children and families who have experienced trauma. The model includes the following core components:

- Violence Recovery Specialists who work with the patient and family to provide crisis intervention upon arrival to the hospital and follow up care post discharge.
- Child Life Specialists provide 24/7 coverage in the Comer Emergency Department to support the emotional health and developmental needs of children experiencing traumatic injuries.
- Provide wraparound resources to support the holistic needs of children and families experiencing trauma and linking them to specialized, trauma-informed counseling services (e.g. Healing Hurt People and REACT) and other communitybased social supports, such as healthcare navigation, bereavement support, housing, employment and education resources, childcare, and legal and victim advocacy.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Fighting for healthy kids also requires dedication to educating and training the next generation of pediatric leaders. Here you'll find a few examples of how we are





COMMITTED TO EDUCATING PHYSICIANS WHO MAKE AN IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH



In 2023, the Department of Pediatrics made an unprecedented number of changes to its residency program to individualize and support residents' learning experience led by new program director Nicola Orlov, MD, MPH. A personalized learning curriculum, multiple mentors and an emphasis on psychological safety are the hallmarks of medical education at UChicago Medicine's Department of Pediatrics. Click here to read more.

MAKING PHYSICIAN WELL-BEING A PRIORITY

"Creating a culture of well-being and professional fulfillment will help physicians find meaning in their work and put the joy back in practicing medicine," said Bree Andrews, MD, MPH, UChicago Medicine's Chief Wellness and Vitality Officer for Physicians. The pediatric neonatologist is paving the way for physicians to do their most innovative work at the institution while improving ease of practice, collegiality, mental health, and resilience-all protecting against burnout.

Click here to read more.





ED AND TRAUMA EDUCATION

As our Emergency Department patient volumes continue to rise, the staff at Comer are committed to continuing education and process improvement. In addition to enrollment in a full-day bootcamp where they delve into the science and management of pediatric trauma, Emergency Department staff and providers continue to hone their pediatric emergency skills via high-fidelity, multidisciplinary in-situ simulations with our surgical and intensive care unit teams. In 2023, we focused especially on simulations around transport to the operating rooms to expedite and improve that process. We have also begun an overhaul of our workflows and are creating a library of best practice videos based on improvement opportunities found through video review of trauma activations and resuscitations, collaborative debriefs of complex cases and simulation-based clinical systems testing of current processes.





NURSING EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Medicine has a long history of investing in furthering the education of our nurses, in support of the ongoing commitment to excellence in clinical education.

In the last 2 years, UChicago Medicine Nursing has expanded the support provided to local nursing school programs. Our Nurse Extern and Specialty Nurse Intern programs provide nursing students with paid clinical experiences that are designed to support their unique time off needs and variable school schedules while providing them with hands-on bedside clinical learning opportunities. These programs not only support the learning of nursing students but serve as a pipeline for new nurses at the Medical Center.

At UChicago Medicine, our nurses believe in the importance of educating the nurses of tomorrow. Each of our nurse leaders supports at least one senior nursing student working on their capstone project. Several of our units support the clinical experiences of nursing students from several nursing programs in Chicago and beyond. Many of our very own UChicago Medicine nurses are instructors for these programs.





INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Medical simulation can be a powerful tool for improving the delivery of healthcare through education, assessment and research. At Comer Children's, we use the most advanced simulation-based methodologies to ensure for the delivery of high quality and safe patient care. Using deliberate and repeated practice, in conjunction with debriefing techniques, our teams sharpen their skills and strive to achieve the highest clinical acumen.

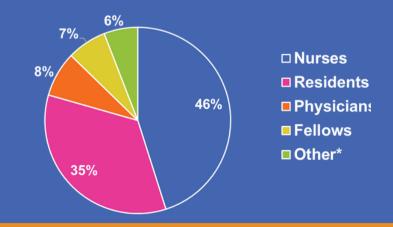


The Simulation Center aims to improve the quality of care and patient safety. As part of the commitment to providing quality pediatric care at Comer Children's, UChicago Medicine supports a robust simulation training program across a variety of simulation modalities, including our main simulation that includes a high-fidelity team and procedural task training lab, cadaveric labs, and a smaller simulation lab within our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Pediatric Training Sessions

140Simulation Sessions

4,482Learning Hours





RESEARCH & INNOVATION

We are dedicated to discovery. At Comer Children's, we are part of the University of Chicago's long-standing tradition of shaping and defining fields. Our teams are advancing medicine in significant ways that have a direct impact on our kids and our community. The stories collected here are just a few examples.

AMONG THE FIRST TO OFFER SICKLE CELL GENE THERAPIES

"At UChicago Medicine, we've built infrastructure to support new approaches to sickle cell disease treatment and to bring additional gene therapies for other diseases."

-<u>James Labelle, MD, PhD</u>
Director, Pediatric Stem Cell & Cellular Therapy Program

Investigators at Comer Children's conducted a <u>pivotal</u> <u>clinical trial</u> that found that stem cell gene therapy may offer a curative treatment for sickle cell disease (SCD). Unlike other gene therapies for SCD, no foreign material remained in stem cells edited with the CRISPR-Cas9 technology the researchers employed in the trial. The therapy was the first to target a new region in the DNA code that regulates the synthesis of sickle cell hemoglobin.

<u>Porter</u> was the third patient in the world to receive the novel therapy. With a greater amount of healthy hemoglobin now circulating in her veins, Porter has experienced fewer sickle cell crises. The CRISPR-based gene-editing therapy is the first to be FDA-approved in the U.S., and Comer Children's is <u>one of just nine</u> treatment centers authorized to provide the CRISPR-based therapy.



UNDERSTANDING THE TIMING OF HEART DEVELOPMENT IN DOWN SYNDROME

Thousands of papers have been published on Hedgehog signaling, but how communication pathways can disrupt organ development and promote cancer have yet to be understood at a mechanistic level, according to Ivan Moskowitz, MD, PhD. Moskowitz's lab is investigating how altered Hedgehog signaling may contribute to congenital heart disease and developmental abnormalities in Down syndrome with an \$8 million grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Click here to read more.



IMPROVING ASTHMA OUTCOMES AND REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES WITH EXERCISE

"Good data shows that exercise can improve asthma control and lung function and reduce exacerbations of asthma, sometimes equivalent to some medications."

-Sharmilee Nyenhuis, MD Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Section of Allergy and Immunology



The treatment of asthma has typically focused on pharmacologic therapy. But Sharmilee Nyenhuis, MD, believes regular physical activity may be a better option for preventing disease progression. She is investigating whether an exercise intervention will improve asthma among Black women, with a similar trial of Black girls and their mothers to follow. Read more here



OUR COMMUNITY

The University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital is located on the South Side of Chicago. We care for children from across the city, the region and the state. Our expertise and care have also drawn patients from around the country and the world. But our care doesn't stop at the lobby doors. We believe that fighting for healthy kids also means looking after the communities in which they live. That's why Comer Children's engages in a wide range of outreach programs, initiatives and projects.



OPTIMIZING OUR TRANSFER PROCESS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

This year, we worked to enhance the communication between our front-line teams so that we could accept as many transfer patients as possible from community hospitals. This ensures that patients from across Illinois, Indiana and sometimes even further are receiving the care they need. All transfer calls are facilitated by UChicago Medicine's Aeromedical Network, a transfer center nurse and a pediatric critical care physician.

TRANSFERS
BY THE
NUMBERS



2631Pediatric

214

Maternal

202 Neonatal





PATIENT INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

In 2023, Comer Children's expanded its Patient Injury Prevention Program to ensure that all families in the hospital have access to the education and resources they need to keep their children safe.





300

Car Seats Given

85

Pack n Plays Given

1470

Specialized Education Given

Sleep safety rose to an even higher priority in the spring of 2023 when medical staff noticed an increase in sleep-related incidents resulting in visits to the ED. Now, car seats and portable cribs are available for families in need across our inpatient units and in the Comer ED, with screening and data tracking processes in place to ensure we're using our resources effectively. Click here to read more





REMOC'S FAMILY SAFETY FAIR

This summer, we held the second annual UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital Remoc's Family Safety Fair. This event provides education to families about car seat safety, the importance of bike helmets, water safety, mental health, a teddy bear clinic and more. In addition, there was a DJ, face painting, bubbles, and visits from our local police and fire departments. This year, we were joined by our Mobile Medical Unit, which was able to provide vaccinations and sports physicals to families with Medicaid or no insurance. This event combines learning and fun to engage with our UChicago Medicine and South Side communities.

350 Community Members Served

60Volunteers

23
Booths











COMER CORE VALUES



- **Children first**
- Optimism for a better future
- Motivated to do right
- **Empathy for all**
- Responsibility for our actions



UCHICAGO MEDICINE'S MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

As part of the University of Chicago, we pursue globally impactful solutions to seemingly unsolvable challenges. Through our rigorous research, innovative education, and comprehensive care and healing, we collaborate on life-changing advancements that create meaningful results for our community and the world, including a greater, more equitable future for all.

VISION

Together, we elevate the human experience with knowledge and health care.



VALUES



Commit to Excellence



Embrace Curiosity



QQ Embody Equity



Grow Together



Make a Difference



Take Ownership



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICINE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP



Mark Anderson, MD, PHD
Dean, Division of the Biological
Sciences

Dean, Pritzker School of Medicine Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Paul and Allene Russell Professor



Tom Jackiewicz

President, University of Chicago Medical Center

Chief Operating Officer, University of Chicago Medicine Health System



Krista Curell, JD, RN

Executive Vice President and Health System Chief Operating Officer



Aytek Oto, MD, MBA

Professor of Radiology Professor of Surgery

Chief Physician, Head of the Faculty Practice Plan & Dean of Clinical Affairs



Stephen G. Weber, MD

Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer



Emily Chase, PhD, RN, NE-BC

Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer



COMER CHILDREN'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP



John M. Cunningham, MD

George M. Eisenberg Professor of Pediatrics

Chair, Department of Pediatrics

Physician-in-Chief, University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital



Jeff Murphy, DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC

Vice President Comer Children's Hospital

Associate Chief Nursing Officer



Grace Mak, MD

Professor of Surgery Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Surgeon-in-Chief, University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital Chief, Section of Pediatric Surgery

Program Director, Pediatric Surgery Fellowship

Medical Director, Comer Children's Hospital Operating Rooms



Allison Bartlett, MD, MS

Professor of Pediatrics

Chief Quality Officer, Comer Children's Hospital

Associate Medical Director, Infection Control Program Pediatric



Eric Thompson, MD

Professor of Neurological Surgery

Professor of Pediatrics

Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery

COMER CHILDREN'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP



Daniel Johnson, MD, FAAP

Vice Chair for Clinical Service, Department of Pediatrics Professor of Pediatrics Section Chief, Pediatric Infectious Disease



Ritu Verma, MD

and Nutrition

Ambulatory Care
Professor of Pediatrics
Section Chief, Pediatric
Gastroenterology, Hepatology,

Director for Subspecialty



James W. Mitchell, MD, FAAP

Director for Primary Care
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatrics Medical Director Comer
Children's Hospital



Nicola Orlov, MD, MPH

Director, Pediatric Residency Training Program

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Associate Chair of Education, Department of Pediatrics



Bree Andrews, MD

Chief Wellness & Vitality Officer Director, Pediatric Fellowship Training

Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Zaid Saqri, MS

Director, Pediatric Ambulatory Operations



COMER CHILDREN'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP



Thomas Houchins, DNP, RN, CCRN, NE-BC

Director, Pediatric Cancer Services Pediatric Sedation

Director, Pediatric Emergency Department



Jilliane Krause, MSN, RN C-ONQS

Director, Perinatal Care



Joan Liput, MBA

Director, Comer 5 and EMU Director, Pediatric Strategic Operations



Jennie Ott, MS, CCLS, CPXP

Director, PICU, CCON and Heart Station

Director, Child Life and Family Education



Raynette Pucik Maisura, MSN, RN

Associate Chief Nursing Officer

Executive Director, Perioperative and Procedural Services



PEDIATRIC PROGRAMS



Academic Pediatrics

<u>Allergy, Immunology, Pulmonology &</u>

Sleep Medicine

<u>Cardiology</u>

Critical Care

Dermatology

Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics

Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Endocrinology

Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and

Nutrition

Genetics

Hematology/Oncology

Hospital Medicine

Infectious Diseases

Kennedy Center

<u>Neonatology</u>

<u>Nephrology</u>

<u>Neurology</u>

Ophthalmology and Eye Care

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Pediatric Hospital Medicine

Pediatric Surgery

Perinatal Center

<u>Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience</u>

<u>Rheumatology</u>

Transplant

<u>Urology</u>



2023 NEW RECRUITS

Huda Adam MD Oluremi Adesida MD **Fatima Ajmal MD** Oluwasoore Akande MD Idia Arebanmhen MD **Hena Arora MD Armughan Bangash MD** Miriam Ben Abdallah MD **Nora Biary MD Brittany Bindon MD** Lestella Bivens MD **Rilev Boland MD Lorraine Canham MD** Savannah Cheo MD Pankaj Chhangani MD **Ursula Colareta-Ugarte MD Rachel Danzig MD Edgar Dizon MD**

Kurt Drury MD Theresa Dunham MD **Avsenur Esen MD Leah Fox MD Alexander Gall MD** Madhusudan Ganigara MD Benjamin Krasity MD Sara Gardner Yelton MD **Brad Goldenberg MD Adam Gorman MD Catherine Groden MD** Margarita Guarin MD **Robyn Gutierrez DO** Walid Hussain MD Lilly Immergluck MD Aisha Jameel MD Kamlesh Jha MD Jannine C. Joyce MD **Mohammad Kabbany MD**

Basel Katerji MD Saara Kaviany DO Amelia Kellar MD So Lim Kim MD **Erin King MD** Gowry Kulandaivel MD **Noah Levy MD** Nina Mbadiwe MD **Anna McCormick MD Matthew Moehlmann DO Perry Morocco MD Mary Nevin MD Henry Nguyen DO** Simon Parzen-Johnson MD David Philpott MD **Anita Raghavan MD** Samiya Razvi MD

Lindsay Schwartz MD Kimberly Schwartz MD Theiju Sebastian MD Sanghamitra Sinha MD **Kevin Smith MD David Soglin MD** Kathryn Stigliano MD **Alanna Stinson MD Marc Sycip MD Dinah Thibeault MD** Jennifer Van Swol MD Anne Vanden Belt MD Jill Veselik MD **Ashley Wolf MD Nicholas Woolf MD** Bingruo Wu MD Samiya Razvi MD **Sho Yano MD David Zhang MD Bin Zhou MD**

2023 ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS

Mark Applebaum MD Promoted to Associate Professor

Allison Bartlett MD **Promoted to Professor**

Shireen Hashmat MD Promoted to Associate Professor Nicola Orlov MD **Promoted to Associate Professor**

Rochelle Naylor MD Promoted to Associate Professor

Chalongchai Phitsanuwong MD Promoted to Associate Professor





DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS LEADERSHIP

Christina Ciaccio, MD
Chief of Allergy/Immunology & Pulmonology

Christopher Clardy, MD Chief of Nephrology

Erika Claud, MD Chief of Neonatology

John Cunningham, MD
Interim Chief of Emergency Medicine
Interim Chief of Developmental & Behavioral
Pediatrics

Michael Earing, MD Chief of Cardiology

Barrett Fromme, MD
Chief of Hospital Medicine
Interim Chief of Academic Pediatrics

Nancy Ghanayem, MD Chief of Critical Care

Vice Chairs and Assoc. Vice Chairs

Mike Schreiber, MD - Executive Vice Chair Eric Beyer, MD - Academic Affairs Barrett Fromme, MD - Faculty Development Daniel Johnson, MD - Clinical Services Ivan Moskowitz, MD - Research Sharmilee Nyenhuis, MD - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Nicola Orlov, MD - Education Training Ritu Verma, MD - Ambulatory Strategy Tara Henderson, MD
Chief of Hematology & Oncology

Daniel Johnson, MD
Chief of Infectious Diseases

Ivan Moskowitz, MD
Chief of Genetics & Genomics

Douglas Nordli, MD Chief of Neurology

Nancy Schwartz, PhD
Chief & Director of Kennedy Center

Melissa Tesher, MD
Chief of Rheumatology

Ritu Verma, MD
Chief of Gastroenterology

Samuel Volchenboum, MD Chief of Informatics





WEBSITE: WWW.UCHICAGOMEDICINE.ORG/COMER

PHONE NUMBER: 877-UC-KID-MD (877-825-4363)

ADDRESS: 5841 SOUTH MARYLAND AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60637

