Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the partnership for pediatric care?
A: Cook County Health and UI Health — the leading publicly funded health care providers in Cook County and Illinois — are collaborating on specialty pediatric services under the Partnership for Pediatric Care, a new clinical affiliation for shared services. Together we have more than 100 pediatric beds and 34 outpatient sites that are supported by more than 165 providers across 33 specialties. Together, our 2 institutions provide care to 100,000 of the most vulnerable children in Illinois, but despite our efforts there is much more work to be done. This Partnership provides the framework for our world-class doctors to expand their work, collaborate and share their expertise. And, ultimately, children of Illinois are given their best chance at a healthy life. We look forward to partnering with physicians, practices, and Federally Qualified Health Centers in Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois to provide universal access to high quality pediatric specialty care.

Q. Why refer patients to UI Health and Cook County Hospital?
A: We provide convenient, prompt, and easy-to-access specialty appointments for your patients:
• Full complement of pediatricians in 33 specialties with a quick appointment process
• Additional specialty services: burn, trauma, child-life, surgical and non-surgical care
• Total of 16 PICU beds and 24 medical/surgical beds
• Emergency rooms that see 12,000 patients a year
• Availability of most subspecialty appointments within a two-week window regardless of insurance carrier
• Low-cost parking and easy access to public transportation (CTA or rapid transit)
• Multiple sites of care throughout Cook County
• Supported by Cook County Health public health programs and University of Illinois research and education programs

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Q: Will my patient’s healthcare plan be accepted?
A: We accept all Medicaid and most commercial insurance types at both hospitals.

Q: What specialties do you offer?
A: Our list of pediatric subspecialties:
- Adolescent medicine
- Allergy
- Biochemical genetics
- Cardiology
- Child advocacy
- Child psychology
- Craniofacial surgery
- Critical care
- Dentistry
- Developmental pediatrics
- Emergency medicine
- Endocrinology
- Family medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General pediatrics
- Hematology
- Hospital medicine
- Infectious diseases
- Medical genetics
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric surgical services
- Physical medicine/rehabilitation
- Plastic surgery* "not all insurance plans accepted"
- Pulmonology
- Rheumatology
- Sleep medicine
- Urology

*not all insurance plans accepted

Q. How can I refer patients to you?
For UI Health: Outpatient Referrals 312.996.7416
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Evening Clinic: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 5 pm – 8 pm
Saturday Clinic: 8 am – noon
hospital.uic.edu/primary-and-specialty-care/pediatrics/childrens-hospital

Inpatient Transfers/Admissions/Consultations 855.842.2484
Available 24 hours

For Cook County Health: Outpatient Referrals 312.864.KIDS
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday Clinic: 8 am – 4 pm (every 3rd Saturday)
cookcountyhealth.org/service/pediatrics

Inpatient Transfers/Admissions/Consultations 312.864.8911
Available 24 hours
Cook County Hospital Address: 1969 W Ogden Ave, Chicago, IL 60612
University of Illinois Hospital Address: 1740 W Taylor St, Chicago, IL 60612
Blue Line: Get off at Illinois Medical District. Pink Line: Get off at Polk
East/West Buses: 7 (Harrison), 157 (Taylor) and 12 (Roosevelt)
North/South Buses: 9 (Ashland), and 50 (Damen)