

The Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois Pediatrics Sees Lift in USNWR 2024-25 Rankings

The Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois got a boost to its reputation, as the hospital scored nationally in eight specialty areas – compared with six a year ago – as part of U.S. News & World Report's Children's Hospital Survey 2024-25.

Compared with 287 nationally ranked children's hospitals, the Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois scored 52-101 in Neonatology; 56-84 in Pediatric & Adolescent Behavioral Health; 51-85 in Pediatric Cancer; and 51-84 in Pediatric Diabetes & Endocrinology. Also, Pediatric Gastroenterology & GI Surgery scored 51-87; Pediatric Nephrology 51-80; Pediatric Neurology & Neurosurgery 51-85; and Pediatric Pulmonology & Lung Surgery 51-85.

Another improvement is that the Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois ranked as excellent in 21 subcategories across all subspecialties, compared with 17 from just four subcategories last year, the data show. This year they comprised three in neonatology, two in peds/adolescent, two in cancer, two in diabetes/endocrinology, four in gastrointestinal, four in nephrology, one in neurology/neurosurgery and three in pulmonary.

The Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois is the third-most-scored hospital in Illinois, following the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Hospital at Northwestern University (ranked in 11 areas) and Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago (ranked in four areas, scored in five areas).

The Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois ranked as fourth overall in Illinois behind Lurie, Comer and Advocate Children's Hospital (ranked in one area, scored in one area).

Based on these scores, the Children's Hospital of the University of Illinois is in the top quartile of the 400 children's hospitals nationally, noted **Dr. Andrew Kreppel, MD, MPH**, associate professor of clinical pediatrics. In the Midwest, there are some 23 children's hospitals.

He attributes the improved rankings in part to the hard work of the teams in the Children’s Hospital of the University of Illinois.

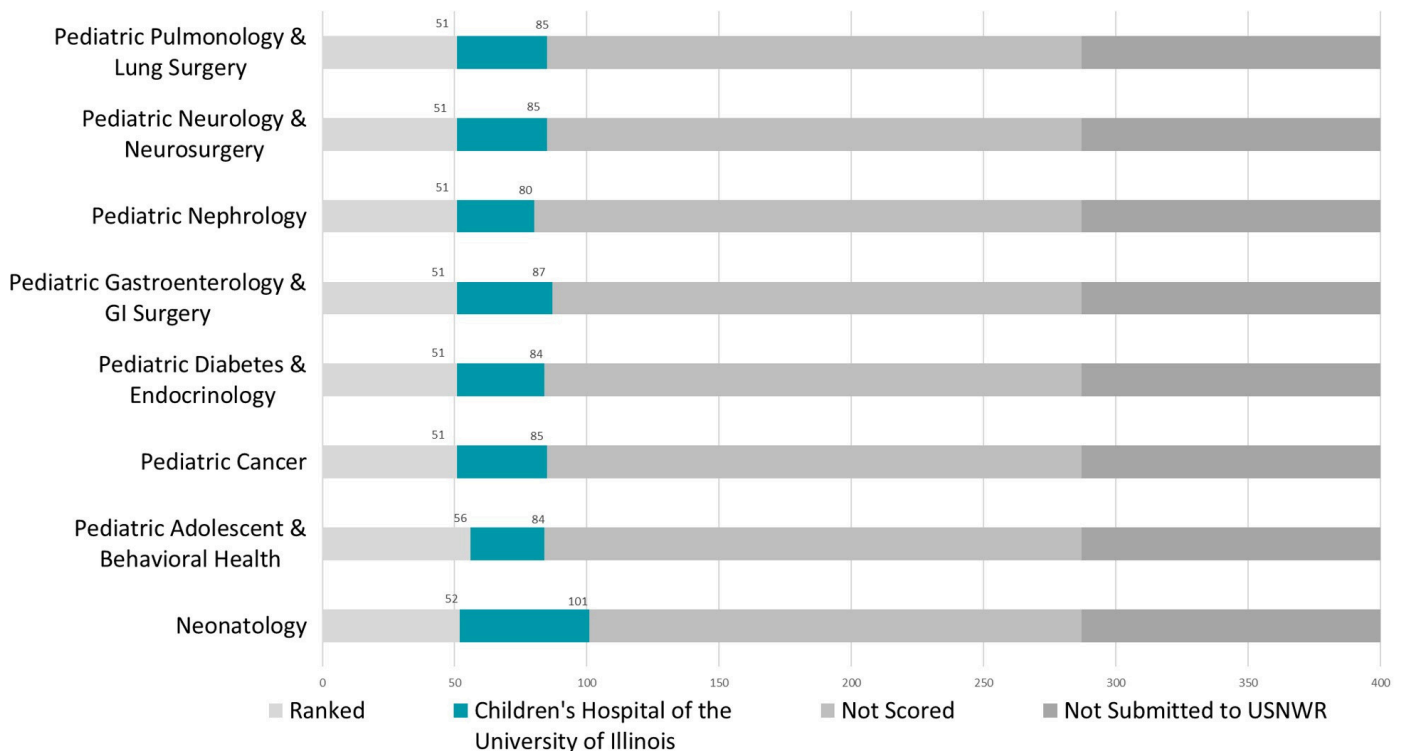
“Our clinicians are providing care for greater volumes of more medically complex patients, and our administrative teams are better capturing the wonderful work of our clinicians,” he added.

The immediate impact is to validate, reinforce and reinvigorate the clinical efforts of providers, Kreppel said.

“Over the past few years, in the face of declining trends in children’s hospitalizations nationally, the Children’s Hospital of the University of Illinois has been able to grow our clinical program,” Kreppel said. “These most recent USNWR results are a testament to that.”

As for the long-term, the effects could include greater visibility and recognition of the clinical work in the Children’s Hospital of the University of Illinois, Kreppel said.

“This will lead to increased organizational stability in the face external pressures, as well as increased retention of current faculty and acquisition of new faculty,” he added. “In turn, this stable growth then allows us to better fulfill our mission of improving child health across the region.”



Source: U.S. News & World Report’s Children’s Hospital Survey