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U.S. News and World Report Names Six Cook Children's Specialty Programs among Top in the Country

List ranks Cook Children's among the best children's hospitals for pediatric cancer, cardiology, endocrinology, neurology/neurosurgery, orthopedics and pulmonology

Fort Worth, Texas – Cook Children's Health Care System has successfully achieved six rankings in the *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Children's Hospital list for 2022-2023. This is an impressive and exciting jump from 2021 when Cook Children's ranked nationally in two specialty categories.

The report, which was released today, uses clinical data to measure patient safety, infection prevention and adequacy of nurse staffing. Out of 284 children's hospitals in the U.S., only 90 ranked in at least one of the 10 pediatric specialties evaluated. The following six Cook Children's specialties were named among the top programs:

- Pediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery #29 in the nation
- Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology #38 in the nation
- Pediatric Orthopedics #41 in the nation
- Pediatric Pulmonology and Lung Surgery #43 in the nation
- Pediatric Cardiology and Heart Surgery #48 in the nation
- Pediatric Cancer #50 in the nation

"For more than 100 years, Cook Children's has been committed to providing the best quality medical care for children. The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings further validate the tireless dedication of our staff to fulfill our Promise," said Rick W. Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System. "As we look toward the future, with the opening of our new hospital in Prosper, Texas, later this year, we are excited to bring our world-class pediatric care to even more children and families."

Out of the six specialties ranked on the Best Children's Hospital list, all but one are currently operating at Cook Children's Pediatric Specialties – Prosper. Neurology, endocrinology, pulmonology, cardiology and pediatric cancer services are all available for new patient appointments.

About Cook Children's

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring. For more information, visit cookchildrens.org.

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