

UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital

About Us

UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital cares for the physical and emotional well-being of children, from newborns to young adults. With a dedicated entrance from Gayley Avenue, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital is located on the third and fifth floors of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

UCLA's facilities are designed to serve the most critically ill children with sophisticated, compassionate care in an environment that is both welcoming and healing to children and their families. In 1998, Mattel Children's Foundation, a philanthropic arm of Mattel, Inc., pledged \$25 million toward construction of the hospital. In 2017, Mattel, Inc. made a \$50-million gift to The UCLA Foundation to benefit children's health. With Mattel's support, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital will expand pediatric services locally; broaden its global presence to enhance and improve the health of children worldwide; and promote the global sharing of UCLA Health's best practices and research.

A Place of Their Own

Our pediatricians offer world-class patient care using a family-centered care model. This multidisciplinary approach to the planning, delivery and evaluation of pediatric patients results in the appropriate allocation of resources, collaborative communication, greater patient and family satisfaction and better outcomes.

Understanding that "children are not small adults," we pay utmost attention to the social and emotional needs of hospitalized children and their families. Specialists from UCLA's acclaimed Chase Child Life program help ease the fear and anxiety associated with hospitalization. They communicate accurate and age-appropriate information, identifying potential stressors and teach coping strategies to patients and family members. Therapeutic interventions, such as art, music and dance/movement help reduce anxiety and support physical development in young patients.

Mattel Children's Unit in Santa Monica

The Mattel Children's Unit at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica includes a 25-bed Pediatric Unit — with 4 beds dedicated to acutely ill children — and a 16-bassinet high-tech, high-touch Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



By the Numbers

131 inpatient beds, including:

Westwood

- 44 in the Pediatric Unit
- 22 in the Neonatal ICU
- 18 in the Pediatric ICU
- 6 in the Pediatric Cardiac ICU

Santa Monica

- 25 in the Pediatric Unit (including 4 for acutely ill children)
- 16 in the Neonatal ICU

Who Cares!

In November 2011, legendary rockers Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend of The Who announced their support for the creation of the UCLA Daltrey/Townshend Teen Cancer Program. The new program — the first of its kind in the United States — will ensure that every young person receives the best possible care and professional support to help them meet the physical and emotional challenges of a cancer diagnosis in an environment as close as possible to normal life.

UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute

For more than 60 years, the faculty and staff at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and the UCLA Department of Pediatrics have delivered pioneering research, patient care, and education. The [UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute](#) builds on our accomplishments and maximizes collaborations among our renowned Pediatric physician-scientists. The Institute enhances our ability to continue to lead in the effort to improve children's health care and to create new models for health care delivery.

Healing by Design

The world-renowned architects I.M. Pei and C.C. Pei, along with the firm of Perkins & Will serving as the executive architect, aimed to create a cheerful and reassuring environment for sick and injured children and their concerned families. Child-friendly décor begins at the inviting and distinctive entrance, continues in the lobby with its interactive “welcome wall” and carries through in all the upper floors.

The welcome wall tells the stories of some of the hospital's young patients with a dynamic, multi-media, 60-foot-long, 12-foot-high display — an evolving stream of photos, children's art and video content that projects stories about the people and programs at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, along with messages of hope, healing and recovery.

Whimsical murals with characters and themes suggested by patients and families decorate the hallways on the third and fifth floors where pediatric patient rooms are located. Spacious private patient rooms feature large windows with panoramic views and window seats and daybeds so family members can comfortably spend time in the room — either “renting” movies or watching a live feed of the frolicking denizens of the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Each nursing unit has its own minor procedure room so young patients can undergo certain treatments away from their sleeping area to avoid associating pain or distress with their own room.

To help ease the anxiety of sick and frightened children, the Emergency Department features pediatric-friendly exam rooms with colorful murals and decorated ceiling tiles.

Architects incorporated sunlight and the beauty of the outdoors into the patient-care space to enhance the healing process. Multiple age-appropriate playrooms and a family resource room extend to a large outdoor play terrace with ocean views and eight-foot plexiglass walls. The outdoor area allows children to safely play in the open air and enjoy the healing effects of natural light. A Teen Lounge gives teens a special place to play video games or watch movies.

Hospital Leadership

Johnese Spisso, MPA — President, UCLA Health; CEO, UCLA Hospital System; Associate Vice Chancellor, UCLA Health Sciences

Sherin Devaskar, MD – Mattel Executive Endowed Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Physician-in-Chief of UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Children's Health
