

Founded in 1901, Children's Hospital Los Angeles is the oldest freestanding children's hospital in California. Known back then as "the little house on Castelar Street," the hospital admitted 14 patients during that first year of operation, and opened the "surgery suite" in the pantry.

By the numbers:

- 401 active beds
 - Includes 317 beds in the Marion and John E. Anderson Pavilion
- 106 pediatric critical care beds (more than any other hospital in the western U.S.)
- More than 6,400 employees and 862 medical staff
- Average length of stay: 6.7 days
- 451 clinical trials currently offered
- Patient breakdown by ethnicity:
 - African-American— 5 percent
 - Asian— 4 percent
 - Caucasian— 17 percent
 - Latino— 65 percent
 - Other— 9 percent

Annual statistics:

- 17,576 inpatient admissions
- More than 600,000 patient visits
- 94,908 Emergency Department visits
- 17,283 pediatric surgeries performed, including more complex surgical procedures than any other hospital in Southern California
- 2,385 patients transported via helicopter, Learjet and ambulance—one of the largest emergency transport programs in the nation
- 473 traumas treated

Research and Education

The Saban Research Institute of Children's Hospital Los Angeles is among the largest and most productive pediatric research centers in the western United States.

With \$129.9 million in total research funding and \$32.4 million in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, the efforts of more than 237 principal investigators are aligned into four inclusive research themes: Best Starts to Life, From Discovery to Pediatric Care Innovation, Personalized Prevention and Care, and Pediatric Disease Models and Mechanisms. The hospital is eighth in the nation among children's hospitals for NIH funding.

One of the country's premier teaching hospitals, CHLA has been affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of USC since 1932.

The best pediatricians in the country are trained at Children's Hospital Los Angeles; training programs include 360 medical students, 433 student shadowers, 100 full-time residents, three chief residents and 128 fellows. For the past 20 years, 97 percent of those graduating from the CHLA Residency Program passed the American Board of Pediatrics exam on the first attempt, well above the national average of 75 to 80 percent.

Accolades and Achievements

Children's Hospital Los Angeles ranks No. 5 in the nation on the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of children's hospitals; it is the No. 1 hospital in California, the No. 1 hospital in the Western U.S., and a top 5 hospital in the nation. CHLA treats the most acute cases, often outside the scope or expertise of other children's hospitals in California.

The hospital is designated a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center—an honor held by only 8 percent of hospitals worldwide. More than 61% of Children's Hospital nurses possess national certification, while more than 7 percent are advanced practice nurses.

The hospital's Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit have been granted the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

Children's Hospital is the only freestanding Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Los Angeles County.

The hospital provides more than \$297 million annually in community benefits to the children and families of Los Angeles.

The Children's Hospital Los Angeles Foundation department is one of only a few centers in the United States to raise more than \$1 billion in support of pediatric clinical care, teaching and research—ranking it one of the most successful pediatric philanthropic programs in the nation.

The Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is one of the nation's largest pediatric hematology-oncology programs. The Center performs more than half of all pediatric bone marrow transplants in Los Angeles County.

The Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is at the forefront of patient care and research in diabetes, obesity, growth, bone, metabolism and endocrinology. It provides care to nearly 2,000 children with diabetes and more than 7,000 kids with other endocrine disorders a year.

The 58-bed Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation Newborn and Infant Critical Care Unit (NICCU) offers the highest level of neonatal care available, treating the most critically ill preemies, newborns and infants in Southern California.

The Fetal and Neonatal Institute provides innovative treatment for complex issues faced by mothers and their unborn children. The Institute also treats the most critically ill preemies, newborns and infants in Southern California.

The Children's Orthopaedic Center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is one of the nation's most comprehensive programs dedicated to pediatric musculoskeletal care, education and research. The Center sees more than 13,500 patients and performs more than 2,100 orthopaedic surgeries annually.

The Vision Center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is the largest pediatric ophthalmology program in the U.S. It's the only facility in the country to provide nearly all available pediatric eye services and treatments, with counseling and support for families.

Approximately 15 percent of all retinoblastoma cases diagnosed annually in the United States are treated at The Vision Center.

The Heart Institute at Children's Hospital Los Angeles is a worldwide leader in the treatment of heart disease and lung disorders in children. It is one of the busiest cardiac programs in the country, and serves as a global patient referral center. Physicians in the Heart Institute perform more than 12,840 clinic visits a year, and approximately 880 cardiothoracic surgeries.

CHLA is a leader in organ transplants, having performed more than 1,714 pediatric heart, liver, intestinal and kidney procedures. The Liver Transplant Program is one of the premier living donor transplant programs in the country.

All solid organ transplant programs (heart, liver and kidney) maintain outstanding or excellent three-year pediatric patient survival rates, ranging from 97 to 100%, per the January 2020 release in the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.