



Research at Columbus Children's Hospital means a future of promise for children like Andrew.

Facts about Research in Pediatrics

- Columbus Children's is home to one of America's 10 largest free-standing pediatric research centers.*
- Many of the nation's best pediatric specialists are also involved in research. A strong research program brings the best doctors to our community.
- Researchers and physicians work collaboratively – speeding up access to the latest treatments available.
- To learn more about the research efforts at Children's Hospital, visit columbuschildrens.com.

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Eight-year-old Andrew is facing an uphill struggle. He was just four years old when he was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy at Columbus Children's Hospital. Andrew's muscles will get weaker, instead of stronger as he grows. There is currently no cure for this life-threatening disease.

Hope for Andrew is here at Columbus Children's Hospital, home to one of the nation's leading Muscular Dystrophy researchers. In the hospital's Center for Gene Therapy research, Dr. Jerry Mendell works both as a physician and as a researcher, discovering new treatments, providing kids like Andrew with a stronger future.

This collaborative and cutting edge approach to research is drawing patients to Columbus Children's from around the country. It's called translational research – a streamlined method that allows the progress being made in the lab to reach young patients quickly and efficiently, resulting in more effective treatments.

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Dr. Mendell and his team are currently testing genetic therapies in hopes of replacing defective genes with working genes in the patient's muscles to reduce or stop the effects of the disease – giving MD patients across the country a more promising future.