



Eleven months ago, Tyler weighed just 1 pound, 2 ounces.

Born four months early, facing many challenges and complications, Tyler arrived at Columbus Children's Hospital tiny and fragile. So small he was just the size of a water bottle, fitting into the palm of your hand.

As one of the first patients at Children's Memorial Tournament newborn intensive care unit, Tyler and his parents benefited from the state-of-the-art facility designed to meet developing babies' greatest needs. One of only two units in the country, Children's is setting the national standard for newborn intensive care. The newly constructed unit uses natural light to fully develop eyesight and to help babies grow and develop.

Private rooms have large floor space for therapy sessions to develop muscle strength and motor skills. There is also room for families to stay with their infants, allowing for parents to care for their baby and better prepare for the transition home. The combination of these benefits helps to reduce the overall "catch-up" time that many premature babies, like Tyler, experience. Now, at 13 pounds, Tyler is happy, full of life and on his way home.

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Columbus Children's Hospital is the nation's largest provider of care for premature infants:

- Prematurity affects 1 out of 8 babies born in the United States.
- Prematurity occurs when a pregnancy lasts fewer than 37 weeks.
- Because of the special needs of premature babies, they often begin their lives in a newborn intensive care unit (NICU).
- Children's participates on a national advisory board to develop new standards of care for developing babies.
- Children's developed new guidelines that are being used across the country, reducing the number of babies lost to severe prematurity by 75%. For more information visit columbuschildrens.com and click on media center.

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