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## Nationwide Children’s Hospital Ranked Among the Best According to *U.S. News & World Report*

Nationwide Children’s Hospital ranked in all seven pediatric specialties surveyed in the new, expanded *U.S. News and World Report’s* listing of “America’s Best Children’s Hospitals.” The hospital was one of just a select number of pediatric institutions ranked in all seven surveyed specialties.

Last year the pediatric rankings listed the top 30 pediatric centers and Nationwide Children’s was ranked number 12. This year’s survey uses an all new methodology focusing on specialties rather than an overall ranking. The 2008 “America’s Best Children’s Hospitals” now includes the 30-top-ranked hospitals in each of the following specialties: cancer, digestive disorders, heart and heart surgery, neonatal care, neurology and neurosurgery, respiratory disorders, and general pediatrics.

Nationwide Children’s ranked among the best in all categories including ninth in digestive disorders and heart and heart surgery, 15th in general pediatrics, 22nd in cancer, and 24th in neonatal care, respiratory disorders, and neurology and neurosurgery. This latest national recognition highlights the hospital’s expertise in subspecialties and illustrates its comprehensive ability to care for all patients.

“Very sick kids need very special care,” said Senior Writer Avery Comarow, who has been editor of the “America’s Best Hospitals” and “America’s Best Children’s Hospitals” annual rankings since their inception. “The best places for them are pediatric facilities with a deep pool of expertise in their particular illness. Breaking out key specialties is crucial to help parents and other caregivers find these facilities.”