



ELLIOT OPENS



new hampshire's hospital for children

Healthcare just for kids

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011, Elliot Health System held a press conference to announce the opening of New Hampshire's Hospital for Children. "There is no greater day at a hospital than one when a child's life is saved," explained Doug Dean, President & CEO. "We plan on having many of those days ahead and we are thrilled to announce that the highest quality pediatric care is available here at New Hampshire's Hospital for Children."

Comprehensive healthcare for the children of New Hampshire is now located in the heart of Manchester at New Hampshire's Hospital for Children located at Elliot Hospital. "New Hampshire's Hospital for Children has been established for the sole purpose of saving lives," said Dean. "This year we expect to treat over 22,000 children in our emergency department and urgent care centers and each year we care for over 30,000 children in the primary care setting. Children often cannot wait to be transferred outside of the community for critical and specialized care. Yet, over 2,600 children were transferred out of state to Massachusetts for care last year," Dean adds.

Elliot Health System has expanded the foundation of its pediatric services, brought in top quality specialists and is forever improving healthcare for children locally. Elliot has a strong history of caring for pediatric patients. The Newborn Intensive Care Unit staffed by board certified Neonatologists was established over 20 years ago. Elliot Hospital has the only pediatric/adolescent unit in the city of Manchester and has Pediatric Hospitalists caring for children at the bedside on a 24 hour basis. Elliot is also the site for Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Emergency Medicine (the only dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department in southern New Hampshire) as well as Pediatric Critical Care.

The demand and volume for these services called for both expansion and addition of specialists such as Pediatric Gastroenterology,



Neurology, Nephrology, Integrative Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Radiology, Anesthesiology and Critical Care.

“We have a very strong team of specialists who joined Elliot because they understand that their skill and expertise is needed tremendously in this part of the state,” said Dr. Kevin Petit, Executive Director of Pediatrics. “Everyone feels a real sense of pride in establishing New Hampshire’s Hospital for Children because it means caring for our patients at the time and place that allows for successful patient outcomes and care close to home,” added Petit.

“I see these kids who need us and the parents who will suffer being so far from home and their support network when their children are fighting for their lives. We need to take care of children where they live and that’s here in southern New Hampshire,” exclaimed Brian Gilchrist, MD, Chief Pediatric Surgery.



“Nicholas suffered a number of issues and the worst for us was his lungs collapsing and his need to be on a respirator for seven days in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. The fact that we were surrounded by skilled physicians like Dr. Miller as well as nurses who not only took care of Nicholas, but also took care of us was amazing. We are confident that we could not have been in better hands and we watched these people save our son’s life.”
– Althea & Michael Chase

OUR TEAM OF SPECIALISTS INCLUDE PHYSICIANS FROM THE NATION’S LEADING CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS

NEWBORN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Deborah Franzek, MD: Riley Children’s Hospital
Ernest Beale, MD: University of Florida
Margaret Bulanowski, MD: University of Rochester/Gollisano Children’s Hospital
Kevin Petit, MD: Floating Hospital for Children/Tufts Medical Center
Kara Murphy, MD: UMass-Memorial

PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

Charles Eastwood, MD: Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Michael Witt, MD: Children’s Hospital Boston
Amy Roy, MD: Yale-New Haven Medical Center
Emily Zajano, MD: Hasbro Children’s Hospital

PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

Mark Integlia, MD: Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital/MMC (Division Chief)
Hallohari Shashidhar, MD: University of Kentucky Children’s Hospital (Division Chief)

PEDIATRIC HOSPITALISTS

Marjan Makatam-Abrams, MD: Cohen Children’s Medical Center (Long Island Jewish)
Amy Stone, MD: USC Medical Center
Megan Clark, DO: Geisenger Medical Center
Uma Subramanian, MD: Columbus Children’s Hospital
Jennifer Steichen, MD: Baystate Medical Center

Joseph Toshach, MD: Floating Hospital for Children/Tufts Medical Center
Denise Toshach, MD: Floating Hospital for Children/Tufts Medical Center
Ursula Kniessl, MD: Concord Hospital

PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Michael Miller, MD: Cohen Children’s Medical Center, Long Island Jewish
Kathleen Kalkbrenner, MD: Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital (Columbia-Presbyterian)

PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY/PEDIATRIC INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Matthew Hand, DO: Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital/MMC (Division Chief)

PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

Rebeca Alvarez-Altalef, MD: Floating Hospital/Tufts Medical Center
Anthony Giordano, MD: Penn State-Hershey Children’s Hospital

PEDIATRIC PULMONARY MEDICINE

Terry Spencer, MD: Children’s Hospital Boston

PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY

John Januario, MD: Children’s Hospital Boston

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

Brian Gilchrist, MD: Floating Hospital for Children/Tufts Medical Center (Chief of Pediatric Surgery)