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# News Release

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For the fourth time, Phoenix Children's Hospital earned national rankings by *U.S. News & World Report's* [Best Children's Hospitals](#) in 10 out of 10 specialties. The health system is the only children's hospital in Arizona ever to have been recognized by U.S. News & World Report and one of only 24 children's hospitals in the United States to rank in all 10 surveyed specialties for 2020-2021.

"When families are looking for a hospital to care for their child, *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are a reliable guide in that process," said Robert L. Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "We're thrilled to celebrate this achievement, and I am immensely proud of our team of clinicians, administrators and staff who go above and beyond to ensure that families who choose Phoenix Children's receive the very best care."

Every year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks children's hospitals on numerous measures including clinical expertise and patient outcomes in 10 clinical specialties. This is the 10th consecutive year Phoenix Children's has been named among the nation's Best Children's Hospitals and the fourth time the health system has received top marks in all 10 areas. Of the 118 children's hospitals ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*, only 24 hospitals were ranked in all ten pediatric specialties.

- Hematology and Oncology, #35, represented by Phoenix Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery, #27, represented by Phoenix Children's Heart Center
- Diabetes and Endocrinology, #39
- Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, #34

- Neonatology, #20
- Nephrology, #33
- Neurology and Neurosurgery, #29, represented by Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children's
- Orthopedics, #23, represented by the Herbert J. Louis Center for Pediatric Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
- Pulmonology & Lung Surgery, #37
- Urology, #45

"We are extremely proud of this recognition, but there is always more work to do," said Michael Ritchey, MD, senior vice president and chief medical officer at Phoenix Children's. "Quality improvement is an organizational mindset that's supported by clinicians, patients, technology, community, and everyone involved in our healthcare organization. Phoenix Children's is committed to challenging itself to do better every day."

Scoring for pediatric health centers heavily reflects patient outcomes and care-related data. To gather these figures, *U.S. News & World Report* sends clinical questionnaires to nearly 200 pediatric hospitals across the U.S. Every surveyed hospital also receives a reputation score, which is a contributing factor in its final ranking. Specialties are measured by national surveys of pediatric specialists who rank top pediatric hospitals in specific specialties by indicating where they would send their sickest patients, without respect to proximity or cost.

Phoenix Children's ranking among the nation's Best Children's Hospitals comes on the heels of several other high-profile honors and acknowledgments. In April, the health system was verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level 1 Children's Surgery Center. In addition, Phoenix Children's recently received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is routinely recognized by Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS) for its quality work. Late last year, the hospital received a Five Star Patient Care "Vigi Award".

### **About Phoenix Children's Hospital**

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's only children's hospital recognized by U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospitals. For more than 35 years, Phoenix Children's has provided world-class inpatient, outpatient, trauma, emergency and urgent care to children and families in Arizona and throughout the Southwest. As one of the largest children's hospitals in the country, Phoenix Children's delivers

care across more than 75 pediatric specialties. For more information about the hospital, visit <http://www.phoenixchildrens.org>.

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