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### **Holtz Children's Hospital Ranks among the Best Children's Hospitals in *U.S. News & World Report***

Holtz Children's Hospital at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center is among the country's elite when it comes to treating diabetes and endocrine disorders in children and providing intensive care to the tiniest babies according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Holtz was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> on the specialties list for diabetes and endocrine disorders and 25<sup>th</sup> for neonatal care.

"This is an important honor for the physicians, nurses and entire medical team at Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine," said Eneida O. Roldan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., president and chief executive officer of Jackson Health System. "We are very proud of the cutting-edge treatments, medical expertise and compassionate care we provide to children in South Florida and from around the world."

"Helping sick children become healthy and lead productive lives is one of the highest priorities of the Miller School of Medicine, and we are honored that these rankings reflect our commitment," said Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., senior vice president for medical affairs and dean of the Miller School. "We and families in South Florida and beyond are very lucky that our pediatric specialists and the dedicated staff at Holtz Children's Hospital are providing the best care possible for children who need it the most."

Hospitals were judged on reputation, outcome and care-related measures. The rankings can be found online at [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals) and will be featured in the August issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

"These rankings are designed to help families with uniquely challenging medical needs. Being recognized on this prestigious list is certainly a reaffirmation of our commitment to delivering the very best in advanced patient care to some of the most seriously ill and medically complex children," said Steven E. Lipshultz, M.D., professor and chairman of pediatrics and associate executive dean for child health at the UM Miller School of Medicine and chief of staff of Holtz Children's Hospital."

Holtz Children's Hospital's Project Newborn Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is a regional referral facility and has 126 beds, 66 of which are Level III and provide support for the most critically ill. The Level III NICU is the largest in Florida.

Holtz also has one of the busiest pediatric diabetes programs per provider in the nation and performed the first transplant of a thymus gland from a fetus to a child without one. Holtz is world renowned for its expertise in treating hormonal disorders related to abnormal growth, obesity and sexual development.

Holtz Children's Hospital is one of the largest children's hospitals in the Southeast United States. In 2010, Holtz has more pediatric specialists selected as Best Doctors in America® than any other children's hospital in South Florida. Through its experienced medical and support staff, including some of the top pediatricians in the nation, the 254-bed facility provides research and treatment for a wide range of pediatric medical specialties including diabetes, hematology/oncology, bone marrow transplant, cardiology and cardiac surgery, infectious diseases/immunology, neonatology, kidney disorders, transplantation and gastroenterology.

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