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Holtz Children's Hospital Ranks among the Best Children's Hospitals according to *U.S. News*

Holtz Children's Hospital at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center is among the country's elite, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Children's Hospitals rankings published today online. The rankings recognize the top 50 children's hospitals in 10 specialties.

Holtz was ranked in seven specialties this year: 25th in neonatology, 26th in nephrology, 41st in diabetes and endocrinology, 42nd in urology, 43rd in both cardiology/heart surgery and gastroenterology, and 49th in cancer. In addition, *U.S. News* also ranked the University of Miami Health System's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in ophthalmology and the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center's ear, nose and throat program as part of their 2010-2011 "Best Hospitals" rankings. Both programs support Holtz in providing child health services.

The Best Children's Hospitals rankings pull together clinical and operational data from a lengthy survey completed by the hospitals. That survey asks hundreds of questions about survival rates, nurse staffing, subspecialist availability, and many more pieces of critical information. Data from the survey are combined with recommendations from pediatric specialists nationwide on the hospitals they consider best for children with challenging medical problems.

"This important honor reminds all of us of the outstanding medical expertise and compassionate care that Holtz provides to children every day," said Carlos A. Migoya, president and chief executive officer of Jackson Health System. "We congratulate the medical team at Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine for their commitment to excellence."

"To be recognized for seven of our pediatric specialties is a testament to the high quality of our physicians and nurses who devote their lives to helping sick children become healthy and lead productive lives," said Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., senior vice president for medical affairs and dean of the Miller School.

"I am very proud of the tremendous collaborative successes between Jackson Health System and the University of Miami Health System at our Holtz Children's Hospital," said Steven E. Lipshultz, M.D., professor and chairman of pediatrics and associate executive dean for child health at the Miller School and chief of staff of Holtz Children's

Hospital. “The considerable efforts of our complex, multifaceted, integrated teams have enabled us to reach the highest levels in child health care for our region through better systems thinking, interdisciplinary linkages and alignments, along with improved clinical-academic integration.”

Holtz Children’s Hospital is one of the largest children's hospitals in the southeast United States. In 2010, Holtz had 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 facility provides research and treatment for a wide range of pediatric medical specialties.

The rankings can be seen online at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals and will also appear in the *Best Hospitals* print guide on newsstands Aug. 30.

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