

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

## Marcy Doderer, Arkansas Children's



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Arkansas Children's Team,

Today, *U.S. News & World Report* released their rankings for the 2021-2022 [Best Children's Hospitals](#), and Arkansas Children's has ranked in four national specialties. This recognition highlights the incredible work by our team to deliver excellent care to the children of Arkansas.

The following programs are ranked on the 2021-2022 national list:

Cardiology & Heart Surgery

Nephrology

Pulmonology & Lung Surgery

Urology

This year, *U.S. News & World Report* also released regional rankings. Arkansas Children's is ranked within the Southeast Region along with pediatric hospitals from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. A hospital's regional ranking status is assessed by evaluating the total number of specialties the hospital was ranked in – better rankings are assigned to hospitals with more national rankings.

The 15th annual Best Children's Hospital rankings recognize the top 50 pediatric facilities across the U.S. in 10 pediatric specialties: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and lung surgery, and urology.

The rankings rely on clinical data and on an annual survey of pediatric specialists. The methodology factors in patient outcomes, such as mortality and infection rates, as well as available clinical resources and compliance with best practices. U.S. News introduced the Best Children's Hospitals rankings in 2007 to help families of children with rare or life-threatening illnesses find the best medical care available.

Congratulations! With your continued commitment to championing children, we will advance our work of improved child health in Arkansas and beyond. Thank you for keeping our patients and families at the center of everything you do.

A handwritten signature of Marcy Doderer in black ink.

**Marcy Doderer, FACHE**  
**President & CEO**  
**Arkansas Children's**