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Pediatric and Family Medicine Practice Liaison Program



The Pediatric and Family Practice Liaison Program

Recently, the physician liaison team at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has made a subtle, but beneficial, change to our program. The new program name, the Pediatric and Family Practice Liaison Program, better represents our referring physicians as a group and signifies a more inclusive cohort of professionals.

Our regional and local liaisons will contact all referring physicians and practices shortly to welcome any questions and concerns, discuss program development and structure moving forward, as well as update any information regarding physicians and their practices. Communication is important as the Pediatric and Family Liaison Program continues to strive for healthy relationships among physicians, liaisons, and UPMC Children's. A new phone number has been created in order to do so.

Please reach out to the following resources with any questions or concerns.

- Telephone: 412-692-3300
- Email: MDRelations@chp.edu

UPMC Children's outpatient referral guides are a great informational tool for our referring physicians and practices. To make sure our team has updated information, packets are currently being mailed to program affiliates.

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UPMC Children's Included in U.S. News Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll



The U.S. News and World Report ranked UPMC Children's as a top ten Childrens Hospital for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. UPMC Children's was ranked in all ten pediatric subspecialties, where six were ranked in the top ten nationally. As a premier location both regionally and nationally for pediatric care, UPMC Children's continues to strive for excellence in all areas of care.

Read more about the honor here.



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Expansion of the Heart Institute



UPMC Children's Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Programs are ranked in the top three in the country by U.S. News & World Report, caring for more than 17,000 patients every year, which is why Children's is expanding the department. A new, 50,000 GSF 3-story addition is going to be added to UPMC Children's Mid-Campus garage, with all three floors being meticulously planned based on patients' needs. The new structure boasts two new Cath labs, an EP lab, a Cardiac MRI, seven private prep and post recovery rooms, two procedure rooms, 15,000 square feet of shelled space for future clinics, a conference center, and much more. With construction starting in the fall of 2023, UPMC Children's is looking forward to the new levels of care that we will be able to provide for our patients.

UPMC Walk for Children's

UPMC and UPMC Health Plan held its annual Walk for Children's in June. For the first time in event history, over one million dollars was raised for our patients!



What's New at Children's?

- Continuing medical education is part of UPMC Children's mission. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- Let patients know about our partnership with Lyft, giving free rides to appointments for those in need.
 For more information, <u>click here</u>.
- That's Pediatrics Preventing Injury and Keeping Kids Safe with Chris Vitale, RN, MSN. <u>Listen and</u> <u>subscribe to the lecture here</u>.
- Health Break Ep 34: Health Care from Home: Innovations in Home Health Supports with Josh Rosman. Check it out <u>here</u>.
- NEW: Partial Live Transplants for Kids Key to Preventing Waitlist Deaths and Improving Outcomes. Read more about the study <u>here</u>.
- For the first time since 2019, UPMC Children's was able to bring back teen volunteers. See more <u>here</u>.



Upcoming Webinars

John G. Rangos Sr. Research Seminar

September 12, 12:00pm-1:00pm <u>Registration</u>

Online Learning

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Pitt Department of Pediatrics Events Recordings

UPMC Physician Resources CME Courses

Contact your liaison or **mdrelations@chp.edu** with questions.