



4 Shriners Children's locations honored in 'U.S. News & World Report' Best Children's Hospitals list

U.S. News & World Report's "2025-2026 Best Children's Hospitals" rankings have been released, and our official philanthropy is proud to be included in the pediatric orthopedics category of this prestigious list.

This accomplishment reflects the hard work, expertise and compassion that our healthcare teams bring to Shriners Children's every day. It also reflects the dedication and support of each and every member of this proud fraternity, which founded and still governs and supports this incredible organization. Together we are building a culture of excellence that keeps Shriners Children's at the forefront of pediatric orthopedic care.

Please congratulate everyone at the following Shriners Children's locations that have been recognized in this year's rankings (along with their university affiliates):

No. 21 — Shriners Children's St. Louis, together with Washington University and St. Louis Children's Hospital

No. 22 — Shriners Children's Salt Lake City, together with Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital – University of Utah

No. 23 — Shriners Children's Northern California, together with University of California Davis Children's Hospital

No. 45 — Shriners Children's Lexington, in partnership with Kentucky Children's Hospital

“Earning this recognition is not just about a ranking,” said Chairman of the Board of Trustees Leslie D. Stewart, M.D. “It’s about the countless moments of care, innovation and teamwork that happen here every day. The Joint Boards are proud to support this remarkable group of professionals whose dedication ensures children and families receive the best possible care and experience. This achievement reflects both their skill and their heart.”

The recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* shows that Shriners Children’s commitment to excellence, focus on delivering the highest quality care, and drive for continuous improvement are what set our healthcare system apart.

“Excellence in medicine is never an accident,” said Chief Medical Officer Fran Farley, M.D. “It is the result of constant learning, collaboration, and an unwavering focus on patients. This recognition affirms what I see every day at Shriners Children’s: Teams dedicated not just to high standards, but to raising them, so that children and families receive the very best care.”

U.S. News & World Report is the leading authority in healthcare quality assessments, known for their trusted reputation. These rankings help families find the best medical care for their children. When children need specialized treatment for complex orthopedic conditions, these rankings help guide parents to us.

Together, we will keep advancing care, strengthening our dedication to our mission, and shaping the future of pediatric medicine so that every child we serve has the best chance to thrive.

Congratulations to each and every member of our St. Louis, Salt Lake City, Northern California and Lexington locations, and thank you to each of you for your extraordinary support. Recognitions like this remind us of what a privilege it is to be a part of something larger than ourselves.
