Pediatric Nursing

Pediatric Nursing at the Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital

The nursing staff is committed to providing quality patient and family centered care to more than 20,000 infants, children and adolescents throughout Central New York annually. State-of-the-art nursing care is delivered throughout our inpatient, outpatient, pediatric emergency department and surgery center areas. A unique and extensive one-on-one orientation program is provided to new personnel.

Professional development is encouraged and sponsored by the department. This includes, but is not limited to, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC), pediatric certification and other nationally recognized programs. Opportunities for career advancement and clinical nursing research is available.

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Inpatient Services

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The Pediatric Transport Service provides ICU level care and stabilization to critically ill infants and children in all of CNY and parts of northern Pennsylvania. A team of specially trained pediatric critical care nurses, pediatric trained respiratory therapists and paramedics, under the direction of a pediatric ICU physician, is on call 24 hours a day to transport seriously ill children from their local community hospitals to the Pediatric ICU at Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital for specialized care treatment.

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Center for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders

Upstate University Hospital is the only institution in the Central New York region to offer comprehensive pediatric services for children diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders including leukemia, solid tumors, anemia, sickle cell anemia and hemophilia. The Alloquiald Universal Stem Cell Transplant Program was developed and implemented in 2001. The center is a member of the International Children’s Oncology Group which is an organization for the advancement of childhood cancer treatment. The inpatient unit works in conjunction with our outpatient clinic area to assure quality consistent care is delivered to patients and families.

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Pediatric Surgical Care Unit

The Nursing Patient care team on this 23-bed inpatient Unit provides direct patient care to infants, children, and adolescents. The staff team members are specially trained in pediatric surgical care both pre-operatively and post-operatively. Common surgeries include ENT, orthopedic, trauma, urological, neurosurgery and general pediatric surgery.

Some of the surgical patient population can have complex care requirements that include central line care, pre-operative preparation, ostomy care, skin care, post-operative tubes, drains, and wound care. Registered Nurses, Health Care Technicians, Unit Clerks, RN Case Management and other disciplines function as a team to care for this patient population through patient and family centered care.

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Pediatric Palliative Care Program

This program offers an opportunity for patient and families to receive additional services to meet their needs and goals when faced with a life-altering event. The program works in conjunction with their primary care team to support and treat pain and other symptoms caused by the disease. The team is a multi-disciplinary including physicians, nurses, spiritual care counselors, social workers, and child life specialists.

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Outpatient Services

University Pediatric and Adolescent Center

University Pediatric and Adolescent Center (UPAC) treats male and female patients from newborn to 18 years of age. The practice has a 19-county service are for primary and specialty pediatric care. UPAC is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday. Pediatric residents with attending consultation are available on-call triage. University Pediatric and Adolescent Center provides acute, chronic, episodic, and primary care through the following programs:

• Adoptive Health Services
• General Pediatrics/Continuity Program
• CARE: Child Abuse Referral & Evaluation
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Pediatric Multi-Specialty Center

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Pediatric GI

Pediatric GI is an ambulatory based clinic that serves both the acutely and chronically ill child. Patient ages range from newborn to 18 years. Occasionally care is given to patients older than age 18 at the physician discretion because of developmental and physical conditions. Both medical and surgical services are provided within the scope of gastroenterology, and often in collaboration with the following specialties but not inclusive of the following: Pediatric Pulmonary, Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Endocrinology. Pediatric GI also services consults from the pediatric inpatient units at both University and Crouse Hospitals.

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Upstate Pediatrics

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