

Critical Care Services

Each year more than 7,000 children are admitted to Texas Children's Hospital Intensive Care Units. Texas Children's has one of the country's largest, busiest and highest acuity Critical Care services, with 206 intensive care beds across our four campuses, all staffed by critical care trained physicians, advanced practice providers and nurses. Legacy Tower, our critical care home in the Medical Center, is a state of the art facility for pediatric critial care abilities.

Our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) spans floor 9-12 in Legacy Tower. These beds include dedicated Neurological, Surgical, Pulmonary, and Hematology/Oncology cohorts with nurses and physicians trained to care for these unique populations. In addition to these subspecialty cohorts, we also offer a General Medical PICU and a Transitional ICU, which often focuses on the care of children with complex medical needs who are often technology dependent. Our West, Woodlands, and North Austin Campuses also have General Medical PICU units, allowing patients to receive care close to home.

Our Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CICU) spans floors 16-18 in Legacy Tower. These beds include a dedicated cohort for neonatal patients, in addition to a dedicated heart failure ICU which is the first of its kind in the nation. Our cardiac catheterization labs, cardiovascular operating rooms, CPCU (Cardiology Patient Care Unit) and Adult Congenital Heart program are all located centrally within Legacy Tower.

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Kangaroo Crew

Our Intensive Care Service also has a dedicated transport team, the Kangaroo Crew, that transports approximately 2,000 critically ill children annually from around the nation to our ICUs. We care for children from all over the country and from overseas, who are referred to us for medical and surgical intervention that often cannot be provided locally. These include care of children after major trauma, children with severe infections, children with cancer and suppressed immune systems and children with failure of one or more major organ systems.



Research and education

We are committed to delivering the best care to critically ill children. That's why we're discovering innovative therapies and treatment strategies to improve outcomes for ICU patients, as well as encouraging our faculty to take part in research programs. We are also educating the next generation of pediatric ICU physicians through fellowship trainings and subspecialty instructorships. Every day, our research and education efforts are driven by our aim to deliver life-changing care.

Our programs & services:

- Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
- Neuro-Intensive Care Unit
- Mobile Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
- Pulmonary ICU
- Pulmonary hypertension service
- Liver Transplant and Failure ICU
- Lung, Cardiac and Renal Transplantation
- Oncology ICU
- Transitional ICU
- Trauma Care
- ACHD ICU & Acute Care
- Renal Replacement Therapies

How to reach us:

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Texas Medical Center, West Campus, The Woodlands

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Local

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Toll Free

Austin Area Transfer Center
North Austin Campus

737-229-2150
Local

877-770-5550
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Referring provider resources:

If you are a referring provider's office needing referral assistance or a provider needing to speak to an on-call specialist, please contact the Provider Connect team at **832-TCH-CARE** (832-824-2273) or toll-free at **877-855-4857**, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CT, excluding holidays. After hours, follow the prompts to be directed to a resource that can quickly connect you with the appropriate provider.

For non-urgent questions, email us at **providerconnect@texaschildrens.org**.

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