

**ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (SLCH)** <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/about-us> & <http://www.bjc.org/About-Us/Facts-Figures>

The focus of child health training and education within the Washington University Medical Center is the St. Louis Children's Hospital (SLCH). This 264-bed Pediatric hospital is also the pediatric center of the 3,380 staffed bed BJC HealthCare System. The Children's Hospital was founded in 1879 and most recently moved to its present 12 story building in 1984. BJC HealthCare is the first health care system in the nation to integrate an academic medical center with suburban, rural, and metropolitan-based health care facilities. The system serves residents of Missouri and Southern Illinois with 12-member hospitals and multiple community health locations. The hospital is the primary pediatric referral institution for individuals in the greater St. Louis population (10,415 admissions/year; including 50,436 emergency department visits/year). The largest Children's Hospital in Missouri, the hospital maintains a 70-bed level III neonatal intensive care unit, a 30-bed pediatric intensive care unit, a 31-bed heart center and a 6-bed pediatric bone marrow transplant unit. All surgical subspecialties are represented, including pediatric cardiothoracic surgeons with special emphasis in lung transplantation. St. Louis Children's Hospital has been consistently ranked among the top Children's Hospitals in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*. In 2013-2016, the Children's Hospital will undergo a 100 bed expansion and integration of the labor and delivery service for the Washington University Medical Center Campus.