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News Releases

New National Survey ranks Packard Children's as Bay Area's top children's hospital

Only Bay Area children's hospital with specialty programs ranked in U.S. News Media Group's top 10; Eight programs rank in nation's top 25

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PALO ALTO, Calif. -- In the new *U.S. News Media Group's 2011-12 Best Children's Hospitals* survey, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford has again been ranked as one of the nation's best and also the highest-ranked children's hospital in the Bay Area.

The 311-bed hospital, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2011, "has become one of the nation's leading hospitals in a very short time," said Christopher G. Dawes, president and chief executive officer at Packard Children's. "Everyone on our staff shares in this honor."

In the survey online today (17) at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals, *U.S. News* places three of the hospital's specialties in the nation's top 10: cardiology/heart surgery (#5); neonatology (#6); and nephrology (#7). These rankings made Packard Children's the only Bay Area children's hospital with programs in the nation's top 10. Additionally, the cardiology/heart surgery and neonatology programs were the highest-ranked on the West Coast.

In addition to the three top-10 honors, other Packard specialties recognized include gastroenterology, pulmonology, diabetes/endocrinology, cancer, urology, neurology/neurosurgery, and orthopedics. In all, the hospital placed eight programs in the nation's top 25.

"This distinction is a wonderful salute to our entire faculty and staff," added Dawes. "They're pioneers in pediatric and obstetric medicine, and it's through their passion and innovation that we've built one of the nation's best children's hospitals."

The *U.S. News Media Group* honor adds to a significant list of recent highlights for Packard Children's, including:

- The discovery of a simple, inexpensive blood test to help doctors halt organ rejection before it impairs transplanted hearts and kidneys.
- The launch of an industry-leading program for placental disorders, providing streamlined, multidisciplinary care for women with especially high-risk pregnancies.