

Inpatient Rehabilitation Cancer Specialty Program

The Pediatric Cancer Rehabilitation Specialty Program at Cincinnati Children's is a component of the Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Program's 12 bed unit that provides acute rehabilitation services for children, adolescents and young adults. The Cancer Rehabilitation Specialty Program is available to patients at any level of care required as a cancer patient.

Our Cancer Specialty program is the first in the world to have a CARF pediatric cancer accreditation.

Common Diagnosis

- Central Nervous System tumors (brain tumors, spinal cord tumors)
- Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas (Osteosarcomas, Ewings Sarcomas)
- Leukemias
- Lymphomas
- Patients who have undergone Bone Marrow Transplantation

Services Provided

- PM&R Physicians
- Nursing
- Therapy Services
 - » Occupational Therapy
 - » Physical Therapy
 - » Speech Language Therapy
 - » Therapeutic Recreation
- Social Work
- Care Management

Services Provided as Needed

- Behavioral Medicine
- Child Life
- Dietician
- Integrative Services
- Music Therapy
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Neuropsychology
- School Intervention

Hours of Operation

Nursing and physician coverage is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Therapy services are available:

- 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday
- 8 am – 4:30 pm, Saturday

Sunday is designed to be a day for family activities & practicing community engagement.



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Inpatient Rehabilitation Outcomes

Tracking outcomes and statistics of inpatient pediatric rehabilitation patients at Cincinnati Children’s and sharing this information with our families is an important part of how we work to continually improve care. It is our hope that this results in a better quality of life for you and your child.

Fiscal Year 2024 Snapshot

Number of patients admitted	24
Average number of days in rehab program	16.8
Ages served	1 – 17 years
Therapeutic hours	4.3
Average hours per scheduled therapy day of therapeutic intervention in an inpatient stay. (Therapeutic intervention is defined as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, recreational therapy and psychology.)	

66%
of patients directly discharged from our rehab unit into a home setting. (Some patients discharged to acute care for further cancer treatment.)

5%
Unplanned transfers to acute medical floor

86%
of patients return to leisure activities by their 90 day post inpatient follow-up call

100%
of patients who were able to maintain or improve overall function while in the program

85%
of the families surveyed gave the program overall favorable responses (9’s & 10’s) regarding overall program score

To make a referral to our inpatient rehabilitation unit, contact our care manager at 513-636-4584, or email us at rehab@cchmc.org.

We accept all commercial insurance plans as well as many HMO/PPO plans. However, Pediatric Rehabilitation is a specialty service and may require authorization for an inpatient stay. Our care manager and social worker will assist you in ensuring that this step is covered. During your stay, we will provide you with a disclosure statement of anticipated fees to assist in planning for expenses.