



THE INTEGRATED NEONATAL TEAM

The depth of the neonatal team at Penn State Children's Hospital goes beyond the team of nine board-certified neonatologists (newborn medicine physicians). The team also includes certified registered neonatal nurse practitioners, pediatric surgeons, a full complement of allied health specialists (respiratory therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists), and dozens of pediatric sub-specialists, on-site.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

At Penn State Children's Hospital, there's a strong advocacy for family-centered care.

Staff and family members are partners in the care of the newborn babies. This leads to better health outcomes, wiser allocation of resources, and greater patient and family satisfaction. From special amenities for parents, to regular communication with parents, nurses and physicians, the NICU at Penn State Children's Hospital raises the bar high for family satisfaction.

REGIONAL REFERRAL CENTER

When babies are born at other hospitals with more extensive issues than the "home" hospital can accommodate, those babies are transported to Penn State Children's Hospital. The team ensures the safest possible transportation from other hospitals with the support and resources of Life Lion aeromedical services and the Pediatric Mobile Intensive Care Unit (pediatric ambulance).



With the backing of the only academic medical center in central Pennsylvania, Penn State Children's Hospital is at the heart of modern academic medicine and the main source of new medical treatments. Many of the pediatric physicians and researchers are at the forefront of best practices and new treatments. They continually strive to refine the therapies provided and to better understand how best to manage the unique issues of the newborn patients.

The integrated neonatal services at Penn State Children's Hospital can keep families close to their homes, while providing the depth of experience and advanced technology needed for caring for the smallest of patients.

For more information on Penn State Children's Hospital NICU, contact the 24-hour CareLine at (800) 243-1455.



The most advanced neonatal unit in central Pennsylvania

The birth of a new baby is such a precious event. What if the baby comes sooner than expected, or is born with complications no one predicted. That joyous time can become a time of trepidation for parents. Where can they turn for the most advanced and experienced team of newborn specialists close to home – Penn State Children's Hospital.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Penn State Children's Hospital provides comprehensive specialized medical and surgical

care to infants from central Pennsylvania and other regions across the Commonwealth. It is the only fully equipped and staffed academic level IIIC (highest level possible) NICU between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Children's Hospital provides specialized intensive care for newborn infants with complications from premature birth, as well as types of respiratory, surgical, cardiac, neurosurgical, genetic, renal, hematologic, and metabolic disorders.

LEVEL IIIC NICU

(Penn State Children's Hospital's designation)

The highest level ranking for neonatal intensive care units which includes the capabilities to provide comprehensive care for extremely low birth weight newborns (younger than or equal to 28 weeks' gestation or \leq 1,000 grams) requiring advanced respiratory support, prompt on-site access to a full range of pediatric medical and surgical sub-specialists, and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and bypass for open heart surgery.