



INPATIENT PEDIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Program at Franciscan Children's specializes in helping children recover from serious illness, traumatic injury, or major surgery. Our program embraces the child as a whole, and addresses each individual's medical, therapeutic, social and emotional needs. We promote social development and emotional well-being by incorporating frequent opportunities for age-appropriate play and leisure activities throughout the child's stay and rehabilitation process.

Our Patients

Franciscan Children's is the only pediatric post-acute care hospital in New England serves children from around the region, nationally and internationally. Our patients range in age from infants to teens, and are transferred here from acute care hospitals when it is appropriate for the focus to shift from medical management to more intensive rehabilitative efforts. We work closely with area hospitals to ensure a comprehensive information exchange and seamless transition of care.

Commonly seen diagnoses include:

- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Encephalitis
- Stroke
- Meningitis
- Brain tumors
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Neuromuscular Disorders
- Orthopedic conditions
- Seizure disorders



The Pediatric Rehabilitation Team

Our patients and their families are integral members of our interdisciplinary team which works together to address each child's medical, therapeutic, social and emotional needs. Led by a board-certified specialist in Pediatric Rehabilitation, a core team of experts includes a Pediatrician and Nurses, as well as an Audiologist, Case Manager/Discharge Planner, Child Life Specialist, Education Coordinator, Nutritionist, Occupational Therapist, Physiatrist, Physical Therapist, Psychologist, Social Worker, and Speech and Language Pathologist. All of our experts specialize in caring for children.

Our staff is committed to excellence, and dedicated to fostering a compassionate and positive environment for our patients and families. Our Family Liaison meets with parents when they tour our campus, and upon admission to help ease the transition to a new environment. Our Patient Advocate is available for parents who want to discuss any areas of concern regarding their child's care. The same staff members follow each child from admission through discharge, fostering strong and personal relationships with each patient and family. This continuity of care helps promote optimal communication, which in turn contributes to treatment effectiveness.

The Treatment Experience

Upon admission, each child and family will be welcomed and oriented to the Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation unit. Each patient room has a private bathroom for the child's comfort and convenience. Parents are always welcome, and one parent can sleep at the child's bedside.

Individual treatment plans are developed for each patient, and re-evaluated regularly to ensure that it meets the changing needs of the child. A customized schedule includes times for therapy, play, and tutoring (if applicable). Members of the care team communicate on a regular basis with primary care and referring physicians, ensuring a seamless treatment experience.

A Child First and a Patient Second

At Franciscan Children's, we understand the invaluable roles of play and social opportunities in the rehabilitation process. Children have the opportunity to interact with their peers daily in our playrooms, where they can browse the Internet, play video games, or participate in a playgroup under the guidance of our certified Child Life Specialists.

Located in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston, our campus uniquely features extensive outdoor space for leisure and play, including a basketball court and several playground areas, including age-appropriate and accessible equipment for children of all areas.



Our Wake Field is a four-season, artificial turf field for baseball, kickball or other recreation. In addition, there are plenty of areas for sitting, strolling, or just enjoying being outside.

Going Home

At Franciscan Children's, discharge planning begins the day of admission. Our Case Managers work to ensure that community services and supports are available to ease your child and family's transition back to your home, school and community. Our outpatient departments remain available for follow up post-discharge to address any ongoing needs, if necessary.

Contact Us

To schedule a tour or receive more information about our Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation program, please call Admission Services at Franciscan Children's at 617-254-3800 ext. 2600.



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At Franciscan Children's, we bring an unparalleled level of expertise to children with complex medical, mental health and educational needs so they can receive specialized care in a compassionate and positive environment. We share an unwavering commitment to excellence, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and live their best life.

