

# FACT SHEET

FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, ORANGE COUNTY PARENTS HAVE COUNTED ON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY (CHOC). AS A NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL, CHOC RELIES ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO PROVIDE LEADING-EDGE CARE FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS CLOSE TO HOME. PEDIATRIC CARE IS COSTLY, AND THE DEMAND FOR OUR SERVICES CONTINUALLY GROWS. MANY OF THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES WE PROVIDE ARE NOT AVAILABLE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE ORANGE COUNTY REGION.

**Mission** - To nurture, advance and protect the health and well-being of children.  
**Vision** - To achieve national recognition as a premier children's hospital.



Over 200,000 children will come to CHOC for care in 2008.



CHOC's emergency department is 30% busier than it was in 1998.



The number of patients transported to CHOC increased by 146% between 2003 and 2006.

## HISTORY

In the late 1950s, physicians and citizens saw a need for a children's hospital in the growing Orange County community. They approached the Sisters of St. Joseph and asked that one wing of their new facility be dedicated solely to the care of children and be run independently as a children's hospital. On October 5, 1964, CHOC opened its doors.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- CHOC's regional health system includes a state-of-the-art 232-bed main hospital facility in Orange, a 48-bed hospital-within-a hospital in Mission Viejo, five community clinics, 37 services and 42 medical/surgical specialties.
- Together, CHOC and CHOC at Mission rank among the top 25 largest hospitals in the U.S.
- With admissions growing by 91% since 1998, CHOC and CHOC at Mission together rank as the 16th busiest children's hospital in the country.
- CHOC is the county's only free-standing hospital dedicated exclusively to the care of children; we serve all children regardless of their family's financial situation, providing over \$60 million in uncompensated care last year.
- Medical staff includes more than 500 physicians and 500 nurses.
- The residency program at CHOC attracts physicians from throughout the country seeking to obtain a world-class education. It has received the maximum five-year accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

## COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

CHOC offers a range of comprehensive services for young patients and families, including:

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| • Psychological     | • Child Life             | • CHOCO's Reading Club                 |
| • Spiritual Care    | • Emergency Transport    | • Food & Nutrition                     |
| • Pain Management   | • Respiratory Therapy    | • Complementary & Alternative Medicine |
| • Case Management   | • Rehabilitation Therapy | • Early Development Assessment         |
| • Social Services   | • Recreation Therapy     |  |
| • Behavioral Health | • Support Groups         |  |

## REMARKABLE MEDICAL "FIRSTS" AT CHOC:

- The first children's hospital in California to offer robotic surgery for children; first in the world to perform pulmonary resection of a pediatric patient using robotic surgery.
- Performed Orange County's first pediatric bone marrow transplant.
- The only Orange County hospital to perform pediatric open heart surgery.
- The first dedicated pediatric Neuroscience Unit in California.
- Orange County's only dedicated pediatric Hematology/Oncology unit.
- Orange County's only dedicated Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.

## PEDIATRIC SUB-SPECIALTIES:

Allergy, Asthma & Immunology	Cardiology	Pulmonology
Diabetes & Endocrinology	Gastroenterology & Nutrition	Critical Care
Neonatology	Infectious Diseases	Hematology
Oncology	Nephrology	Metabolism
		Neurology
		Rheumatology

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CHOC's inpatient volume has nearly doubled since 1998.

## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



### CANCER INSTITUTE:

- Specialty programs include:
  - Adolescent and Young Adult program
  - Neuro-Oncology program
  - Recurrent/Refractory Cancer program
  - Long-Term Follow-up program
  - Bone Marrow Transplant program
- More than 8,700 outpatient visits a year from children with cancer make outpatient services one of the Institute's busiest areas.
- Comprehensive pediatric cancer center with a specialized team to meet the unique needs of families, children and teens with cancer.



### HEART INSTITUTE:

- New dedicated 12-bed Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.
- The only hospital in Orange County with a dedicated team of pediatric cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, anesthesiologists, and radiologists.
- Only regional facility to perform neonatal and pediatric open heart surgeries.
- Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cardiac patients from prenatal to 18 years of age.

Within the past 10 years, the number of children visiting CHOC's primary and specialty outpatient clinics has nearly doubled.



### NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE:

- Designated 24-bed unit.
- Dedicated specialty programs focusing on treatment of neonatal, neurosurgical and pediatric neurological disorders.
- The first dedicated inpatient pediatric Neuroscience Unit in California.
- Diagnostic expertise and equipment, nationally-renowned physicians and a full-spectrum of support services.



### ORTHOPAEDICS INSTITUTE:

- Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of complex orthopaedic injury, illness and disorders in children and adolescents.
- Partners with CHOC Neuroscience and Cancer Institutes to treat neuromuscular conditions and bone and soft tissue tumors.
- Trains orthopaedic residents from UCI and Riverside County in pediatrics.
- Comprehensive subspecialty programs including spine, hip, clubfoot, hand, neuromuscular disease, tumors, trauma and fractures, and sports medicine.

In fiscal year 2006, mobile clinics received over 2,900 visits from children in the community.



### RESEARCH INSTITUTE:

- Primary areas of research: molecular neurobiology and federally-approved stem cells, immune and inflammatory disease, cancer and bleeding disorders.
- Phase I through IV clinical trials in nearly all subspecialty clinical areas, allowing up-to-the-minute treatment options to children failing conventional therapy.
- Phase I clinical trial designation, making CHOC the only facility in the Southwest to offer innovative treatments for oncology patients.
- One of five institutions in the U.S. to receive a grant from the National Institutes of Health to teach scientists how to culture and use federally-approved stem cells.



Over 75,500 visits were made to CHOC community clinics for primary care in fiscal year 2006.