

A TEAM FOR KIDS

It's the best partnership for kids since peanut butter met jelly.

University of California, Irvine Healthcare and CHOC Children's have teamed up to provide world-class pediatric care for Orange County and beyond.

One of the most important benefits of this strategic alliance is that many pediatric programs are now centralized, making it easier for patients and families to navigate through the healthcare process. While CHOC provides the majority of inpatient and outpatient services for children, UC Irvine Medical Center focuses its pediatric services in specialties that include:

- **Emergency care.** "The emergency room at UC Irvine Medical Center continues to be fully staffed and equipped for all types of pediatric emergencies, including trauma cases," says **Dr. Mark Langdorf**, emergency department medical director. As before, parents are bringing their children to UC Irvine for problems ranging from asthma attacks and high fevers to broken bones and colds. Patients who are well enough to go home are discharged after initial treatment. Those requiring hospitalization, but not trauma care, are stabilized in the UC Irvine Medical Center ER and later admitted to CHOC.

- **Trauma care.** Pediatric trauma patients remain at UC Irvine Medical Center throughout their entire hospitalization, cared for by a multidisciplinary team with specific training in pediatric trauma. "Comprehensive management of pediatric trauma patients is one of the most important services we provide to Orange County," said **Dr. Michael Lekawa**, trauma center director. UC Irvine has the only Level I trauma center in Orange County and is verified by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma. "This means that UC Irvine Medical Center

fulfills the nation's highest standards in trauma care for both children and adults."

- **Burn treatment.** Caring for hundreds of children and adults each year on both an inpatient and outpatient basis, the UC Irvine Regional Burn Center is recognized internationally as a leading-edge facility verified by both the American Burn Association and the College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma. "Only a handful of burn centers across the country have been honored in this way," says **Dr. Marianne Cinat**, burn center medical director.



- **Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).** The medical center's 30-bed Level III neonatal intensive care unit, now located in the new 482,000-square-foot UC Irvine Douglas Hospital, features spacious rooms, the latest technology and comfort measures for families. "In addition to caring for critically ill and premature infants born at UC Irvine, the NICU treats high-risk newborns transferred from hospitals throughout the region," says neonatologist **Dr. Cherry Uy**, NICU medical director. The medical center also continues to operate the county's only maternal-neonatal transport service.

Equipped with a mobile intensive care ambulance and highly trained personnel, the service transports critically ill infants and high-risk pregnant women from other hospitals to UC Irvine Medical Center where they can receive the highly specialized care they need.

- **Newborn nursery.** The newborn nursery remains open, caring for nearly 1,000 low-risk infants annually. "When moms deliver healthy babies at UC Irvine, their infants continue to be close to them, either in their room or the newborn nursery," says Uy.

- **Pediatric kidney transplantation.** The UC Irvine pediatric kidney transplant team provides multidisciplinary, state-of-the-art care for children 5 years and older who need kidney transplants from either living or deceased donors. The level of expertise required for these operations is significant, making UC Irvine Medical Center one of only a few hospitals in Southern California offering this service.

- **Child and adolescent psychiatry.** UC Irvine

Neuropsychiatric Center offers a full spectrum of mental health services for children up to age 18, including inpatient care, partial hospitalization and emergency psychiatry. Child psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers at UC Irvine continue to offer comprehensive evaluations and appropriate treatment for this age group.

For more information on the UC Irvine Medical Center-CHOC Children's pediatric alliance, visit www.ucihealth.com.