

Adding a Little Rainbow

This month, *St. John Medical Center* adds the pediatric care services of *UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital*. Now families on the Westside have access to top-level pediatric care—close to home.

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Parents in Northeast Ohio have long been confident in the quality medical care provided by *University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital*. Westside parents now can access that state-of-the-art care much closer to home, promises Robyn Strosaker, MD, medical director of pediatrics for University Hospitals.

Starting this month, Rainbow care is offered at *St. John Medical Center*, in Westlake. *St. John* is now the third medical center to provide Rainbow inpatient services, following *University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital* downtown, and *University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center* in Beachwood.

Rainbow's introduction to the Westlake hospital comes after a year of planning, Dr. Strosaker says.

"We really heard loud and clear from parents and from pediatricians that families wanted Rainbow care closer to home," says Dr. Strosaker, who oversees pediatric inpatient services at all three facilities. "It isn't easy for families to go all the way downtown to the main campus and they



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The 10-bed inpatient unit offers child- and family-friendly pediatric services for children who require a hospital stay. Beginning this summer, *UH Rainbow* at *St. John* will offer advanced pediatric diagnostic procedures under sedation, as well as radiology and pediatric dentistry procedures. These services will be provided by Rainbow physicians, anesthesiologists, nurses, child life specialists and other pediatric specialists.

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"When children are admitted to *St. John* they will get the same level of care that they would if they were at the main campus," Dr. Strosaker says.

One of the things that makes Rainbow particularly special, Dr. Strosaker says, is



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The new 10-bed pediatric inpatient unit at *St. John Medical Center*—overseen by Robyn Strosaker, MD, medical director of pediatrics for *University Hospitals*—offers child- and family-friendly services for children who require a hospital stay.

its emphasis on family-centered care.

"Whether it's at the main campus, *Ahuja*, or here at *St. John*, we emphasize taking care of both the child and the family, providing care that meets their individualized needs," she says. "We have an environment that is conducive to healing, and we strive to make the patients and their parents as comfortable as we can."

That environment, she says, includes lots of toys and activities to keep sick children occupied and as content as possible.

"We do a lot to keep the families comfortable and ensure that parents are getting their needs met," Dr. Strosaker says. "We have places for parents to sleep if they want to stay overnight with their child, and we have a spacious area so people can be comfortable while they are here with their children. Having a sick child, particularly a child in the hospital, can be very stressful. We have child life specialists here whose job is to make this stressful time a little easier for patients and their families. We want to give them as much information and control over the situation as we can."

Dr. Strosaker says 24/7 Rainbow pediatric emergency services are provided at *St. John* by board-certified emergency medicine physicians who are experienced in pediatric emergencies. In addition, a Rainbow pediatrician is available 24/7 in the emergency department for face-to-face consultations. Rainbow pediatric emergency services are also available at seven other Westside locations.

"Our pediatric emergency centers provide

the highest level of full-service emergency care for children of all ages in comfortable and safe facilities," Dr. Strosaker says.

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Rainbow services at *St. John Medical Center* are in-network for all major insurance providers, including Medical Mutual of Ohio/SuperMed, Anthem, and United Healthcare.

St. John Medical Center is located at 29000 Center Ridge Road, in Westlake. You can find more information about Rainbow services at *St. John Medical Center* by calling 440-835-8000 or by visiting Rainbow.org/StJohn.