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Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt is a leading provider of pediatric care. For the second consecutive time it ranks as one of the best children’s hospitals in the country. In the areas of Neonatology and the Pediatric Emergency Department it is ranked in the top 10 by Child magazine.

Vanderbilt Children’s is a place to hope and a place to heal for patients and their families. Constructed in 2004, the freestanding children’s hospital is filled with the latest, state-of-the-art equipment and information systems to provide the best treatment for patients and offers a variety of family accommodations to help fulfill its mission of family-centered care. With 222 beds dedicated to high-level pediatric and subspecialty treatment, the facility is also a teaching and research hospital, training many of the future’s top pediatric physicians. In addition, research that is conducted here is helping shape the way the nation cares for children.

As part of a world-renowned academic medical research center, Vanderbilt Children’s has access to the most advanced care available and is continually searching for more answers to serve our families. Moving up two places from last year’s NIH rankings, researchers from the Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children’s are listed as sixth in the nation for pediatric research grants totaling $20.2 million.

The Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt consists of eight floors and 616,785 square feet. The 11 story Doctors’ Office Tower (DOT) attached to Vanderbilt Children’s is the new home to pediatric clinics.

### Inpatient Beds
- 222

### Intensive Care
- 36

### Neonatal/Intensive Care Unit
- 78

### (plus 3 triage and 10 observation)

### Operating Rooms
- 16

In 2006, there were 208,344 pediatric visits at Vanderbilt including those children treated in the burn and trauma units at Vanderbilt University Hospital. More than 140,988 children were seen in Vanderbilt Children’s clinics. The Emergency Department saw 40,110 children with a total of 12,044 inpatients discharged from Vanderbilt Children’s in 2006.

### Chairman’s Message

The Vanderbilt Residency Program in Pediatric Surgical Care is new but founded in the same tradition of rigorous, thorough training that is the heart of our eighty-year history of achievement as an institution dedicated to excellence in research and education for the improvement of patient care. This new program is simply one of many steps we are committed to as we strive to match the benefits of specialization to the healthcare needs of pediatric patients.

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Chair, Department of Pediatric Surgery

### Pediatric Surgery at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital

The Pediatric Surgical Fellowship, under the auspices of the Department of Pediatric General Surgery, is a wide ranging educational program providing comprehensive training in general and specialized surgical services for children from infancy through adolescence for a wide array of congenital and acquired conditions. These may include common conditions such as appendicitis and hernias or the more rare and complex conditions such as tumors and multiple, congenital diseases.

Our surgical team is comprised of pediatric surgical specialists in all areas, surgical and pediatric physician trainees, pediatric anesthesiologists and nurse practitioners. Each team member is skilled in providing the full spectrum of services using specialized pediatric equipment in a child-friendly environment. Our surgical team is skilled in pre- and post-operative surgical care, providing 24-hour coverage. Close collaboration is maintained with pediatricians, family physicians, pediatric subspecialists and a network of pediatric home care providers.

Vanderbilt Children’s has 16 operating rooms and post operative areas for care of surgical patients.

### Pediatric Surgical Procedures during 2006:

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Our Department and Hospital in general afford an excellent opportunity for the clinical and academic training of future pediatric surgeons who we envision will develop a unique expertise in the clinical approach to the surgical problems of childhood, as well as a critical and analytical approach to the evidence-based practice of pediatric surgery.

The Pediatric Surgery program includes participation in teaching conferences and leadership in multidisciplinary care. Rotations for first year fellows include pediatric urology, neonatology, and burn service; specific to neonatology the fellow participates in resuscitation and stabilization of the acutely ill newborn. In the second year, emphasis is on professional development in the areas of administration and leadership of the entire surgical house staff.

### Conferences, Lectures, and Meetings

- Pediatric Surgery Grand Rounds
- Morbidity and Mortality
- Pediatric Trauma Morbidity and Mortality
- Pediatric Trauma Resuscitation
- Gastroenterology Surgery Conference
- Solid Tumor Board Conference
- Pathology (non-tumor) Conference
- Radiology
- St. Jude Video Teleconference
- Journal Club
- George W. Holcomb Annual Lecture
- Didactic Teaching Conference