

DID YOU KNOW?

One number provides immediate and direct access to Wolfson Children's Hospital for emergency consultations or transfers.

When pediatric patients require an elevated level of consultation or care, providers can dial one number for the Wolfson Children's Hospital Patient Care Logistics Center where coordinators and providers stand ready to assist, 24/7.

1. Consult – Need a curbside consultation with one of our pediatric specialists? Call **904.202.KIDS** and ask to speak with the desired specialty.

2. Transfer – Does your patient require transfer to a higher level facility? Call **904.202.KIDS** and the Wolfson Children's Hospital Patient Care Logistics Center will coordinate all aspects of the transfer including acceptance, transport and bed placement for all levels of pediatric acuity ranging from trauma to general pediatric transfers.



Offering three different modes of transportation, the Wolfson Children's Hospital Kids Kare team is available to transport your patient.

For more about our emergency and trauma services including critical care transport, visit wolfsonchildrens.com/services/emergency

EVENTS

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Join us for Pediatric Grand Rounds, offered in-person or via video-conference

Every Wednesday, 8 am

For a listing of topics or information on attending or accessing Pediatric Grand Rounds, please call 904.633.4199 or email us at ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com

Autism Symposium Physician Dinner

Tues., March 5, 2019 · 5:30 - 8:30 pm

The River Club · Jacksonville

Topic: "Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism"

Presented by Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology, Baylor College of Medicine: Director, Texas Center for Vaccine Development

Cost: \$85 (cocktail reception, dinner and program included)

Info: Kimberly Nelson • kimberly.branham-nelson@bmcjax.com or 904.202.2080

Autism Symposium – Current Medical Evidence and Interventions

Wed., March 6, 2019 · 8 am - 5 pm

University of North Florida · Jacksonville

Cost: \$75 (continental breakfast and lunch included)

Register: wolfsonchildrens.com/autism

Current Topics in Pediatric Medicine: Diagnosis and Treatment of Challenging Neurological Conditions

Thursday, March 28, 2019 · Dinner and Program 6:30 pm

Marriott Southpoint

Register: ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com



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We are excited to share the inaugural edition of our quarterly newsletter for providers and their practices.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future issues. Email our Editorial Board at ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com.

Wolfson Children's Earns Top Quality and Patient Safety Awards

Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville has once again been selected among the top children's hospitals in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* 2018-2019 Best Children's Hospitals ranking. Recognized for two specialties,



pediatric neurology & neurosurgery and pediatric cancer, Wolfson is proud to be chosen year over year by U.S. News and World Report, the global authority on hospital rankings. Michael D. Aubin, President of Wolfson Children's Hospital, said, "The rankings are designed to help parents determine where they can get the best medical care for their children. Thanks to our strong partnerships with Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville and the UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville, we are able to provide some of the best pediatric care in the nation."

Also highlighting its nationally recognized level of patient safety and quality, Wolfson Children's Hospital was one of only 13 Top Children's Hospitals in the U.S. for 2018 by the Leapfrog Group. The Top Hospital award is distinguished by rigorous methodology and widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors an American hospital can receive. "The clinical team at Wolfson Children's is honored to be acknowledged as a Leapfrog Top Hospital, achieved by less than six percent of eligible hospitals in the nation," said Aubin. "We don't seek quality awards and rankings for the recognition. We do it to make our care the safest and with the best outcomes. That's what the children and families we serve demand and deserve."

Wolfson Children's Hospital of Jacksonville brings world-class pediatric care close to home for Florida, Georgia and Alabama families. As the only full-service tertiary hospital for children in the region, we provide care for the full spectrum of pediatric conditions — ranging from the most common to the rare and medically complex — in a family-centered environment designed around children's unique needs.



Wolfson Children’s Hospital of Jacksonville Designated as region’s only state-designated Pediatric Trauma Referral Center

When a child is critically ill or injured, minutes matter and providers need rapid and direct access to lifesaving care. Wolfson Children’s Hospital is proud to be the only state-designated Pediatric Trauma Center in the region.

Rigorous standards are required to earn the state-awarded pediatric trauma designation and facilities must demonstrate the highest level of capabilities, clinical expertise and preparedness. Wolfson Children’s Hospital has the most experienced pediatric emergency team in the region with more than 80,000 patients treated in our Emergency Centers each year. Wolfson Children’s Hospital of Jacksonville is proud to provide access to world-class pediatric specialists and a highly trained trauma-specific team, 24 hours a day/365 days per year. One call to our transfer line will activate team of providers and patient care coordinators to expedite and support all aspects of the process on behalf of the sending facility and provider.

When trauma care and transfer is needed, call **904.202.KIDS (5437)** for immediate access to the Wolfson Children’s Hospital Pediatric Trauma Center.

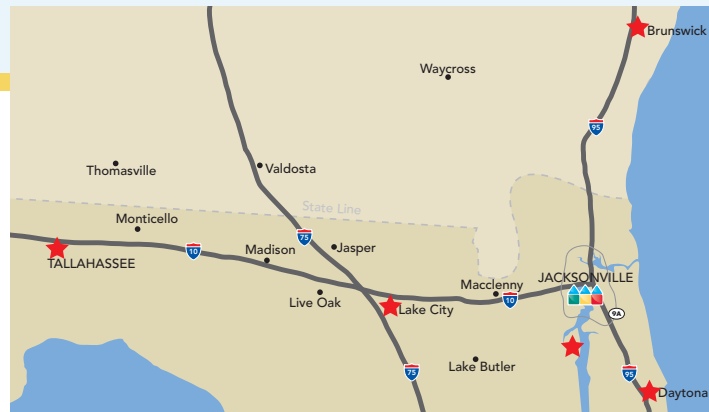


WHERE IS WOLFSON CHILDREN’S?

As **YOUR** children’s hospital, Wolfson Children’s brings world-class pediatric care close to home for providers and their patients. With our full-service tertiary campus in Jacksonville, five Emergency Centers across North Florida and five satellite Specialty Centers in Georgia and Florida, patients have access to renowned pediatric expertise and services without having to travel long distances.

- Jacksonville**
Wolfson Children’s Hospital Main Campus, Emergency Center and Pediatric Trauma Center
- Wolfson Children’s Emergency Centers – Town Center and North Jacksonville
- Transfers and Emergency Consultation: 904.202.KIDS (5437)

- Brunswick**
Wolfson Children’s at Southeast Georgia Health System



- Lake City**
Wolfson Children’s Specialty Center – Lake City
 - Tallahassee**
Wolfson Children’s Specialty Center at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare
Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Emergency Center Northeast
 - Daytona**
Wolfson Children’s Specialty Center – Daytona
 - Clay**
Wolfson Children’s Specialty and Emergency Center at Fleming Island
- For more information about locations including services available at our satellite specialty centers, visit WolfsonChildrens.com/locations.

Georgia brothers with same brain tumor, three weeks apart

Katie Eunice kept track of her sons’ medical appointments and treatments with a color-coded system in her calendar, which told the story of the Georgia family’s medical journey in Jacksonville. Red for Wolfson Children’s Hospital, orange for Nemours Children’s Specialty Care and blue for UF Health Proton Therapy Institute.

Since Aaron and Andrew’s dual diagnoses with brain tumors in Dec. 2017, the calendar provided Eunice with a kind of stability in an otherwise hectic and frightening time.

The journey began at a routine eye exam when the optometrist noticed that Aaron Eunice’s optic nerves were swollen. A CT scan revealed a build-up of cerebrospinal fluid on the right side of his brain. During the resulting visit to a South Georgia emergency room, the ER doctor called pediatric neurosurgeon Philipp Aldana, MD, at Wolfson Children’s, who recommended that Aaron be transferred to Jacksonville immediately for a full work-up.



Aaron Eunice

found near the pituitary gland that can affect a child’s growth and vision.

Dr. Aldana consulted with his neuro-oncology colleagues at Nemours Jacksonville and the UF Jacksonville Proton Therapy Institute, and the team recommended draining the cyst at Wolfson Children’s, followed by 30 proton therapy treatments over six weeks. The family knew they had a long journey ahead of them, but the prognosis was hopeful.

“Our Kids Kare mobile ICU was dispatched to Georgia to get him here quickly and safely,” Dr. Aldana said.

Within 30 minutes of arriving, the family heard the news: Dr. Aldana suspected a brain tumor.

The diagnosis was a craniopharyngioma, a non-cancerous brain tumor

But that got Eunice thinking about her younger son Andrew, 9. “In September, Andrew’s doctor said he wasn’t growing like he was supposed to be,” Eunice said. “He was referred to a local endocrinologist, who determined that Andrew needed an MRI to look for a tumor on his pituitary gland.”

Andrew Eunice

The endocrinologist referred Andrew to Dr. Aldana, where it was confirmed that the boy had the same tumor as his brother, Aaron. However, because of its size and location of the tumor in Andrew’s brain, it could be removed surgically.

Last January, Dr. Aldana and Nemours pediatric otolaryngologist Gary Josephson, MD, performed a minimally invasive procedure to remove 95 percent of the cyst.

Today, both boys are doing well and thriving. Throughout radiation, Aaron continued to play baseball and kept up with his schoolwork. Research suggests that children with craniopharyngiomas like Aaron’s maintain academic achievement following proton therapy, something doctors rarely saw when children were treated with traditional radiation.

The joint brain tumor program at The Stys Neuroscience Institute at Wolfson Children’s Hospital brings children and families from all over the country and the world to Jacksonville for specialized care.

“We are so glad Aaron and Andrew are doing well following their treatment with us. They are delightful boys who have a good attitude toward the disease they have, and that has a lot to do with their parents,” he said. “They are so positive in their thinking, and it’s clear they really love their boys.”

For more information or access to The Stys Neuroscience Institute at Wolfson Children’s Hospital, visit WolfsonChildrens.com/services/brain.



Need assistance for your office or patients? We are here to help. The Wolfson Children’s Business Development Team is your dedicated resource to support all aspects of accessing and navigating the Wolfson Children’s Hospital System. Call us at 904.202.4980 or email ConnectToWolfson@bmcjax.com