

## FACTS ABOUT THE REGIONAL LEVEL III NICU AT DAYTON CHILDREN'S

- Dayton Children's has a full complement of pediatric subspecialists (such as cardiology, gastroenterology, and neurosurgery) and other specially trained staff needed for level III neonatal care and the capacity to care for all the patients in the region.
- The regional Level III NICU service accounts for 1 of 3 patient days at Dayton Children's and it is the highest contributing service in the organization, covering many non-contributing valuable services.
- The unit also boasts excellent stats:
  - Newborns who reach our center have a very high survival rate and have a low incidence of complications in comparison with other centers, even though we care for the region's sickest babies with conditions such as severe intraventricular hemorrhage, gastroschisis, omphalocele, necrotizing enterocolitis, retinopathy of prematurity (which causes blindness) and chronic lung disease (Vermont-Oxford Data) and all our NICU patients are born at outside hospitals and are transported to our center
    - 98.5 % of patient families in our unit rated our staff and the care at the highest levels of satisfaction, ranking our unit in the top 5% in patient satisfaction in the country. (According to Press Ganey peer comparisons)
- Dayton Children's Regional Level III NICU is nationally recognized for its innovative design and quality.
- The neonatologists at Dayton Children's are full-time board certified neonatologists and also privileged at most of the hospitals throughout our region including:
  - Kettering Medical Center, Southview Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Greene Memorial Hospital, Upper Valley Medical Center, Community Mercy Health Partners and Atrium.
  - At all the other outlying hospitals the neonatologists function under their Dayton Children's privileges while attending deliveries and resuscitating with the transport team.
- The Dayton Children's neonatologists are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide telephone and/or on-site consultation and assessment of newborns hospitalized at any of these and other facilities.

- In addition to neonatologists, the Regional NICU staff includes neonatal nurse practitioners, neonatal nutrition specialist, pediatric nurses and respiratory therapists certified in neonatal care, and the full complement of pediatric medical and surgical subspecialists. Even the unit's assistive staff has been trained in developmental care and the impact of the environment of care.
- If needed, our newborn intensive care transport team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling our communications center at 937-641-4385. The team is available to attend high-risk deliveries, to stabilize and, if necessary, transport premature and/or seriously ill infants.
- Dayton Children's serves as the home of the Department of Pediatrics for Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine and are partners in the pediatric residency program with the school of medicine and WPAFB. Having a children's hospital that serves both military and regional families contributes greatly to the quality of life and the value of the region as we work to recruit businesses to the area.
- According to the American Hospital Association Guide there are some 250 children's hospitals (under 5 percent of all hospitals) in the United States — only about 60 are freestanding acute care children's hospitals like Dayton Children's.