UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital is the premier academic children’s hospital in North Central Florida. As a leader in pediatric medicine, UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital serves as a major destination for children worldwide with complex medical issues requiring specialized attention. The dynamic University of Florida Health faculty is devoted to the best in patient care, research and education.

Home to the area’s first Pediatric E.R., UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital is a one-stop children’s health center for pediatric emergency and specialty care that may require hospital admission. Social Work, Child Life and Arts in Medicine programs offer a variety of services to patients and families to minimize the stress and anxiety associated with hospital visits.

In 2022, UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital was awarded the Baby-Friendly designation by Baby-Friendly USA, a global initiative of the World Health Organization and UNICEF that recognizes birthing facilities that implement policies known to improve breastfeeding outcomes for infants and mothers, known as the 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding. Our practices have prioritized the unique needs of breastfeeding families so that services are patient-centered and can also be offered as outreach to families who see other providers.

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital has 208 licensed beds, and we continue to expand our services and improve our facilities to meet the needs of our pediatric patient population.

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital is part of the Children’s Miracle Network’s alliance of premier hospitals for children. It is also a member of the Children’s Hospital Association, which champions public policies that enable hospitals to better serve children.
2023-2024 U.S. News & World Report Rankings

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital has been recognized as one of the nation’s best hospitals for children in four medical specialties, according to U.S. News & World Report.

- Cardiology & Heart Surgery
  - 26th nationally
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
  - 10th nationally (tied)
- Neonatology
  - 35th nationally
- Pulmonology
  - 24th nationally

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital is the highest-ranked pediatric facility in Florida for cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, and pulmonology.

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital specialties and programs include:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Allergy
- Anesthesiology
- Autism and Neurodevelopment
- Congenital Heart Center/Surgery
- Critical Care Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Genetics
- Hematology/Oncology (including Bone Marrow Transplant)
- Hospital Medicine
- Immunology and Rheumatology
- Infectious Disease
- Neonatology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Otolaryngology (ENT)
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Surgery
- Urology