

Heroes. Healers. Miracle Workers. Whatever you call them, the men and women in Surgical Services at Children's Hospital make the seemingly impossible possible – every day.

Led by a dedicated leadership team of pediatric nurses, anesthesiologists and surgeons, Surgical Services provides world-class care for children of all ages, from head to toe. More than 8,000 surgeries are performed at Children's each year, and that number continues to grow.



Sarah, a Children's Hospital patient with brittle bone disease, is able to walk thanks to innovative rods that will grow as she grows (see X-ray scans at right).

Our craniofacial team is on the leading edge nationally, helping children with abnormalities and injuries to the face and skull. Skilled surgeons in multiple disciplines work together to provide life-changing and enhancing craniofacial surgery for congenital deformities and trauma.

When it comes to the heart, nearly all of Nebraska's pediatric cardiac catheterizations and pediatric open-heart surgeries are performed at Children's Hospital. We're one of only two hospitals in the nation to boast the new hybrid pediatric catheterization lab, which increases patient safety as it enables our medical team to transition swiftly from catheterization into surgical mode without having to move the patient and without having to wait for a surgical suite to become available.

Patients with the rare brittle bone disease come to Children's from around the globe to correct bowing in their legs that, in some cases, can curve up to 90 degrees. At Children's, our surgeons can surgically place telescoping growth rods, which are innovative rods that grow as the child grows, through small incisions to help these children become stronger and walk – without braces in most cases.

Our state-of-the-art stealth guidance system localizes and minimizes surgical entry to areas of the body that are difficult to approach otherwise. Minimally invasive procedures also are done to lessen scarring, pain and functional problems that children would have with more aggressive surgical approaches.

Nationally and internationally recognized surgeons come together to provide care at Children's, believing that this special place is the safest, most comfortable and successful surgical arena in the region. Care from the most basic to the most complex problems in children is performed in a compassionate, professional environment.

How you can help

Top-notch care requires leading-edge technology and equipment. Each year, the Surgical Services budget for new and replacement equipment as well as upkeep of existing equipment ranges between \$1 and \$2 million. This year's budget includes, for example, a \$300,000 surgical microscope, a \$35,000 drill used in craniofacial surgeries and a \$40,000 drill for orthopedic operations. Money raised from the 2007 Children's Hospital Gala will help offset surgical equipment costs.

At Children's, our passion, teamwork and clinical expertise is unmatched. We strive every day to give all children a better chance to live. You can become part of our life-saving team through your participation in our 2007 Gala. You can become a Miracle Maker.



Image of Sarah's legs before surgery.



Sarah's legs following surgery.



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