

When you need

us...

The Pediatric Unit at Arnot Ogden Medical Center offers specialized care for infant, child and young adult patients in a friendly and caring environment. Our staff combines medical skill with care and support for your child and family in our local community.

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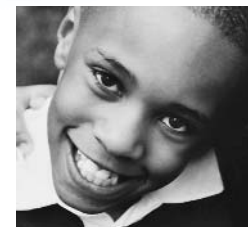
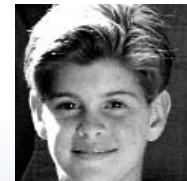
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Specialized Pediatric Care



Caring For Your Child

Our approach to care begins with understanding the different physical, emotional, social and developmental needs of our young patients.

Your child is cared for by an experienced pediatric staff that cares for children of all ages.

Family Friendly...

Parents of pediatric patients are not considered visitors and are encouraged to spend as much time as possible with their child. A family member is welcome to stay with a child of any age and for your comfort, chair-beds and rocking chairs are provided in each room.

If your child is under five, someone they know must stay with them during their admission. This is essential to ease their fears and support their care.

Although we want you to be comfortable during your stay with us, our space is limited and we cannot guarantee the security of personal items. In addition, we do not accept financial responsibility for personal belongings in your room. Please keep only the essentials with you and your child.

Child Life Support And Assistance...

The Child Life staff has expertise in dealing with your child's concerns and reactions to the hospital, and his or her illness. We will try to help your family understand what is happening through education, medical play, art and activities.

The Child Life Program includes:

- A Child Life specialist and Child Life assistant that will help your child and family understand and cope with hospitalization.
- A pediatric playroom which is the most popular spot on the unit! It is open at all times and stocked with numerous toys and games for children of all ages.
- The children and their guests are invited for playtime. Supervised playtime is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. (all other times are by request and on an availability basis). We request that during unsupervised hours all children are accompanied by an adult when in the halls or the playroom.
- A teen lounge offering art materials, board games and puzzles.
- Two parent lounges with pediatric family art galleries.

- TV/VCR carts with some of the most popular and current videos and video game machines are available to all pediatric patients.
- Art materials and supplies are available to encourage your child's innate creativity and to use as an outlet for a healthy expression of emotions and feelings.
- A pre-surgical program & tour is provided to answer any questions and familiarize your child with the hospital and staff. Our Child Life assistant then provides surgical support and accompaniment to the operating room when your child is admitted to the hospital.

Support Groups And Educational Services

- Asthma awareness and diabetes support groups are available for children and families.
- Ice Cream & Isolettes Program – This group was created for the brothers and sisters of the Neonatal Intensive Care infants on an individual basis by the Child Life specialist.
- Pediatric Library – We can provide you with books, brochures and information on your child's specific diagnosis, illness and/or developmental stage.

For more information and schedules for any of these services please ask us.