



First & Only Pediatric Trauma Center

Northridge Hospital Medical Center has the clinical expertise, specialty pediatric staffing and technologically advanced equipment needed to effectively provide excellent care for all pediatric patients regardless of age or body

size. We house an elite team of expert physicians in more than 20 subspecialties, which include emergency medicine, anesthesia, orthopedics, general surgery, neurology and neurosurgery.

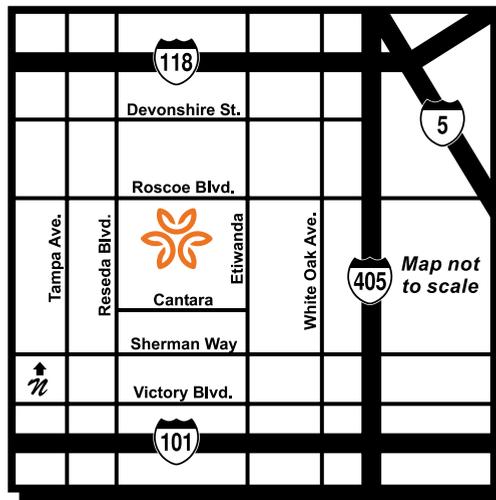
Child Life Specialist

Northridge Hospital offers a Child Life Program led by a **Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS)** who educates, comforts, and prepares children and their families so they can better cope with stress, hospitalization or an upcoming procedure. The CCLS also coordinates a patient's educational needs during and after hospitalization, serving as the liaison between the hospital and school.

Pediatric Transport/ Admissions

Our dedicated ambulance service can be dispatched to a medical office, hospital or urgent care facility to transport mildly to critically ill or injured children. We can also arrange air transport as needed. These services are available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week by calling **818-885-8500, ext. 3050.**

Northridge Hospital Medical Center is a 411-bed facility serving the San Fernando Valley for nearly 60 years. As a nonprofit, community-based hospital, Northridge Hospital offers a full spectrum of healthcare programs and Centers of Excellence. Northridge Hospital is affiliated with Dignity Health and shares with them a long and rich legacy of caring and compassion.



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Richie Pediatric Trauma Center

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Ranked Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Clinical Excellence by Healthgrades



Level II Richie Pediatric Trauma Center

Here to Save Children's Lives 24/7

Traumatic injuries are the leading cause of death and disability in children, making immediate, life-saving medical care crucial.

Enter Northridge Hospital Medical Center's **Richie Pediatric Trauma Center, which opened in October of 2010.**

It is the only pediatric trauma center in the San Fernando Valley.

Equipped with a helipad, we provide immediate care to infants, children and adolescents with potentially life-threatening traumatic injuries 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.



Time Is Platinum

When a child is injured, our Pediatric Trauma Team immediately assembles to await the patient's arrival. The goal is to provide medical treatment within the **Platinum 30 Minutes** – the first half hour after injury – which greatly increases the child's chance of survival. In the Emergency Department, the patient is cared for in one of our trauma suites that are equipped with specialized technology and equipment to effectively resuscitate and care for children.

Richie's Story

The Center is named after **Richie Alarcon** – the infant son of former L.A. City District 7 Councilmember **Richard Alarcon** – who was traumatically injured in a vehicle accident. Richie's transport out of the Valley extended beyond the Platinum 30 Minutes, and he died in his father's arms the next day. Shortly after, Alarcon (who was then a State Senator) introduced legislation to establish funding for Northridge Hospital's Pediatric Trauma Center.

A Little More "TLC"

Once stabilized, the child's care continues in the **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)** and/or **Pediatrics Unit**. These units are staffed by our board-certified Pediatric Critical Care Physicians (Intensivists). Our Pediatric Intensivists are in the hospital 24/7 and, in conjunction with our Pediatric Trauma Surgeons, lead our multidisciplinary team. Our team, all of whom are specially trained in pediatrics, includes:

- Critical Care and Pediatric-Certified Registered Nurses
- Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners
- Certified Child Life Specialist
- Registered Dietitians
- Clinical Social Workers
- Case Managers
- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Spiritual Care Chaplains

- Our 14-bed **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)** is California Children's Services (CCS) certified, has all private patient rooms, and provides critically ill children with the highest

level of pediatric intensive medical care. In our PICU, we strive to promote optimal health and development for children during the critical stages of illness and injury.

This includes, but is not limited to, centralized monitoring,

diagnostic testing,

specialized services for specific childhood diseases and injuries, and therapeutic equipment designed for children. Each room has a sleeper bed for a parent/caregiver to spend the night.



- Our 20-bed **Pediatrics Unit** is also CCS certified and offers the most advanced medical care for children who are hospitalized for an illness, injury or surgery. It's designed to comfort and delight pediatric patients with cheerful colors, private patient rooms, a playroom, a teen room, video games, DVD players in every patient room, Pet Therapy visits and sleeper beds for a parent/caregiver to spend the night.
- Family Centered Care with parent/guardian support, involvement and teaching is fundamental to our multidisciplinary approach and philosophy in the PICU and Pediatrics. Family Centered Care assures the health and well-being of children and their families through a respectful family-professional partnership. It honors the strengths, cultures, traditions and expertise that everyone brings to this relationship.