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# History of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health

Riley at IU Health has been one of the nation's leading children's hospitals for more than 85 years. As part of Indiana University Health, Riley's unique partnership with the Indiana University School of Medicine gives patients access to innovative treatments and therapies using the latest research and technology.

- 1903** Indiana University School of Medicine is founded
- 1921** The Riley Memorial Association, now the Riley Children's Foundations, is founded with the goal of building a children's hospital in memory of Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley
- 1924** Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health opens
- 1935** President Franklin Delano Roosevelt attends the dedication of the hydrotherapeutic pool for children with polio
- 1950** The Riley Research Building opens as an addition to the Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health campus
- 1951** Indiana's first pediatric cardiac catheterization laboratory opens at Riley at IU Health
- 1956** Indiana's first pediatric open heart procedure is performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1962** Riley at IU Health becomes the first hospital in the nation to perform percutaneous cardiac catheterization (a minimally invasive diagnostic and treatment procedure) in children
- 1966** Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health becomes the first hospital in Indiana, and one of the first in the nation, to utilize echocardiography to diagnose congenital heart defects
- 1971** Indiana's first and only pediatric burn center and neonatal intensive care unit opens at Riley at IU Health
- 1975** The Parent Care Unit opens at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health with open visitation, participation and in-room sleeping accommodations for parents, creating a national model for family-centered care
- 1980** The first staged Fontan procedure in Indiana is performed at Riley at IU Health. The surgery keeps oxygenated blood and deoxygenated blood from mixing in the heart
- 1983** Riley at IU Health becomes the first hospital in Indiana to provide outpatient surgical care for children
- 1986** Indiana's first pediatric cochlear implant procedure (to correct deafness) is performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1988** Indiana's first ECMO procedure (a form of heart-lung bypass for critically ill infants and children) is performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1989** Indiana's first pediatric liver transplant is performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1991** Indiana's first infant and newborn heart transplants are performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1994** The Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research opens at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health
- Indiana's first and only pediatric cancer center, including the state's only stem cell transplant unit, opens at Riley at IU Health
- Indiana's first pediatric cord blood transplant is performed at Riley at IU Health
- 1997** Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health joins IU Health University Hospital and IU Health Methodist Hospital to form IU Health Partners
- 2000** The Riley at IU Health Outpatient Center opens as the nation's largest ambulatory care center for children
- 2001** The Riley at IU Health Sleep Disorders Center opens as the largest pediatric sleep lab in the world
- 2002** One of the nation's three largest autism centers, the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center, opens at Riley at IU Health
- Indiana's only dedicated unit for children with heart defects, the Riley at IU Health Heart Center, opens
- Riley at IU Health is one of just 19 hospitals in the country selected to perform Phase I pediatric cancer research protocols
- 2003** First intestinal and multi-organ transplants in Indiana performed at Riley at IU Health
- First hospital in the Eastern United States and only one of two in the U.S. to receive special government permission to use and implant the Berlin Heart, a ventricular assist device. The Berlin Heart is a new way to treat complex cardiac problems
- First time Riley at IU Health surgeons use Repiphysis, a prosthetic implanted in an arm or leg
- 2003** First hospital in Indiana to perform a pulmonary autograft mitral valve replacement, a revolutionary procedure to replace the mitral valve
- 2004** Riley at IU Health formalizes partnership with Deaconess Hospital in Evansville
- Family as Faculty program, part of the Family-Centered Care Program, launched at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health
- Riley at IU Health ranked as one of America's best children's hospitals according to Child Magazine
- Riley at IU Health celebrates 80th birthday
- Riley at IU Health launches Riley Connections - A Telemedicine Program, allowing Riley physicians to consult with out-of-town physicians and patients
- 2005** Riley at IU Health announces its \$500 million, 10-year plan
- Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health North Medical Center opens
- Riley at IU Health NICU is recognized as among the best five in the nation, according to Child magazine
- Phase V patient tower work begins
- 2006** The Riley Children's Foundation receives a \$10 million gift from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation to establish a world-class pediatric diabetes treatment and research program
- IU Health Partners is listed among the nation's best hospitals by US News and World Report magazine for nine consecutive years (since 1997)
- Child magazine ranked Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health 11th in the nation overall out of nearly 250 children's hospitals. The magazine also ranked the hospital's neonatal and pulmonary departments in the top 10.
- Riley at IU Health's ECMO program ranked in the top five internationally
- Riley at IU Health is the first hospital in Indiana, and among a few hospitals in the nation, to use the Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib
- 2007** The Simon Family announces a gift of \$40 million toward the completion of the new 10-story, 675,000-square foot inpatient tower
- Riley at IU Health formalizes longtime relationship with the Capital Institute of Pediatrics of Beijing, China by becoming international sister hospitals
- Riley at IU Health earns Level I Trauma verification making it one of 12 children's hospitals in the nation with this designation
- U.S. News & World Report's 2008 edition of America's Best Children's Hospitals ranked five specialty programs at Riley at IU Health among the top 30 children's hospitals in the nation
- Riley at IU Health clinical and translational research a major component of the \$25 million NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award to Indiana University School of Medicine
- Riley at IU Health, Indiana University School of Medicine and Moi University School of Medicine completes construction on the new Riley Mother and Baby Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya
- Riley at IU Health places fourth among the nation's free-standing children's hospitals with total research funding of \$51 million, including \$26.2 million from the National Institutes of Health
- IU Health joins with the IU Research and Technology Corporation in ownership of the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute (now the IU Health Proton Therapy Center). One of just a few such centers in the country and the first one in the Midwest.
- 2009** Riley at IU Health ranked as one of America's best children's hospitals, according to Parents magazine
- U.S. News & World Report's 2009-2010 edition of America's Best Children's Hospitals ranked seven specialty programs at Riley at IU Health among the top 30 children's hospitals in the nation
- Riley at IU Health and the IU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics placed in the top 10 nationally in NIH funding (\$18 million) with total extramural support at a historic high (\$47 million)
- 2013** Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health ranked in 10 out of 10 specialties by U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospitals for three consecutive years (since 2011)



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