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CHOC Children's Receives AACN Beacon Award

First Pediatric Unit in the Nation to Receive Honor



Designed by FKP Architects, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at CHOC Children's Hospital has received the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). This is the first pediatric unit in the nation to be recognized with the award, which honors extraordinary commitment to high-quality critical care standards and dedication to

the exceptional care of patients and their families. The project will now serve as a beacon for other hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Beacon Award recipients are measured for success against national evidence-based criteria including recruitment and retention; education, training and mentoring; research and evidence-based practice; patient outcomes; leadership and organization ethics; and healing environment.



To enhance safety and quality patient care, FKP designed the 30-bed PICU with all private rooms that include family sleeping accommodations. Nursing work alcoves between pairs of rooms position care givers closer to patients, and sliding glass room doors provide convenient, direct observation of these critical patients.

The project team included FKP Architects, prime/design architect; WBS Architects, associate architect; TMAD/Taylor & Gaines, structural engineer; Thompson Engineering, civil engineer; TMAD, MEP engineer; Inventure Design, interior design and Equipment Collaborative, equipment planner.

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Founded in 1937, FKP Architects is a leading, full-service design practice focused on *Transforming Business by Design*™ in the healthcare, research and academic markets. Providing best in class architecture, interior design, equipment integration and organizational consulting, the firm works with top-tier pediatric and cancer institutions, academic medical campuses and health science centers throughout the world. With offices in Houston, Dallas and Charlotte, North Carolina, FKP has more than 150 employees and has completed and ongoing projects in 42 states and four foreign countries.

CHOC Children's is exclusively committed to the health and well being of children through clinical expertise, advocacy, outreach and research that brings advanced treatment to our patients. CHOC' Children's regional healthcare network includes two state-of-the-art hospitals in Orange and Mission Viejo, several community clinics, a residency program that trains tomorrow's pediatricians, and four centers of excellence — The CHOC Children's Heart, Cancer, Neuroscience, and Orthopaedic Institutes.

CHOC earned the Silver Level CAPE Award from the California Council of Excellence — the only children's hospital in California to ever earn this distinction, and was one of only eight children's hospitals in the nation to be named to the Leapfrog "Top Hospitals 2007" list for hospital safety and quality. CHOC was also awarded Magnet designation — the highest honor bestowed to hospitals for nursing excellence. CHOC is the only children's hospital to earn the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, an award given by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses for extraordinary commitment to high-quality critical care standards and dedication to the exceptional care of patients and their families.

For more information about CHOC Children's, visit www.choc.org.

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