The Herman & Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai has grown!

Facilities with Families in Mind

The Herman & Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai offers a full range of pediatric specialty services for patients from birth to 18 years of age and older, supporting area pediatricians with the most comprehensive care of any community hospital in Maryland.

Opening in March 2012, our new facility supports the family centered care philosophy. It features all private inpatient rooms with a sleep area for parents. The expansion project was completed in August 2010 with the Alfred I. Coplan Pediatric Hematology Oncology Outpatient Center, which provides a new and improved space for patients and families. The project also includes the relocation and expansion of our Children’s Diagnostic Center. This area is scheduled to be completed by November 2012.

Architectural Highlights:

- Children’s Hospital lobby (1st floor) – 3,000 square feet
- Inpatient pediatrics unit – 34,500 square feet
- Number of private inpatient rooms – 26
  - Seven regular inpatient rooms
  - Nine oncology rooms that are grouped together in a special care suite
  - Four isolation rooms with ante rooms
  - Six universal rooms that can accommodate pediatric intensive care patients (two of which are isolation rooms).

These larger, more ergonomic patient rooms allow space for the patient care team and family members. Each room includes a full bathroom with a shower, child seat and a removable shower head for smaller children. Computers are located in each room for staff documentation.

Each inpatient room is equipped with a video game system; 42” flat screen television; sleeper sofa for parents; storage with a combination lock; and a small table for paperwork, homework or playing games. Two patient rooms are capable of managing patients with epilepsy.

The interior design theme of the hospital is a marine motif, and for specified hours each day, the televisions in each room will have access to a live broadcast from the National Aquarium in Baltimore. The live feed will also be visible from the third floor lobby area as you exit the elevators.

An exciting upgrade for the patients is a new playroom that is 1.5 times larger than the previous space. The room includes two 42” flat screen televisions and two sections – one for kids and the other for adolescents.

Services provided by child life specialists are available to patients who visit the playroom or at the bedside of patients who are too ill to participate in the playroom activities. Armed with a strong background in child development and family systems, child life specialists promote effective coping through play, preparation, education, and self-expression activities. They provide emotional support for families, and encourage optimum development of children facing a broad range of challenging experiences, particularly
those related to health care and hospitalization. They are also available to schedule pre-hospital tours and individualized pre-hospitalization visits.

**Other noteworthy details include:**

- A physical therapy treatment room, two nurses stations and medical staff offices are located on the unit.
- Pediatric themed décor includes furniture, art and accessories.
- Several small gathering areas for patients and families are outside of the rooms.
- The green roof area is visible from the playroom area.
- Family hospitality area that includes a microwave, sink and refrigerator.
- All rooms have windows and lots of natural light.
- The unit includes environmental controlled spaces and clinical support spaces.
- The entire unit, including patient and clinical support areas, is 100% HEPA filtered to reduce germs and bacteria.
- A Build-A-Bear store is on-site.

In 2011, the hospital admitted 4,430 patients in the following units:

**Inpatient:** 1,729*

- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit: 433
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: 228
- Well Baby Nursery: 2,040

*Admissions to the inpatient unit include general, subspecialty and surgery patient admissions.

For more information about the Herman & Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai, visit: [http://www.lifebridgehealth.org/ChildrensHospital/](http://www.lifebridgehealth.org/ChildrensHospital/).

To access the Children’s Hospital Pediatric Inpatient portal that includes health information, activities and games for parents, kids and teens, visit: [http://www.lifebridgehealth.org/kidshealth](http://www.lifebridgehealth.org/kidshealth).