Surgery, General

The Le Bonheur surgical staff consists of highly skilled and experienced pediatric surgeons, pediatric anesthesiologists, pediatric nurses and other specially trained technicians. Le Bonheur surgeons are on the forefront of minimally invasive surgery, using technology for smaller incisions to speed recovery time and reduce scarring.

General pediatric surgeons evaluate and treat a wide variety of surgical problems of the head and neck, chest, abdomen, pelvis and extremities including birth defects, tumors, traumatic injuries and burns. This is in addition to the more common conditions such as hernias, appendicitis and esophageal reflux. Le Bonheur also has pediatric surgeons who specialize in neurosurgery, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, plastic and reconstructive surgery and urology. The team not only provides excellent care using current therapies, but also is committed to performing clinical trials to determine the most effective treatments. The surgeons practice evidence-based medicine when possible and perform studies to gain evidence when it is not available.

Bunny Lane
The Bunny Lane, created by Le Bonheur Club, alleviates the fears of all children who are undergoing surgical procedures at Le Bonheur. Before surgery, patients at Le Bonheur hop to the Bunny Tunnel to pick out a special toy that is waiting for them when they come out of surgery. The Bunny Tunnel provides children with a positive experience immediately prior to surgery. The Bunny Tunnel is a great example of Le Bonheur’s commitment to providing care centered on the needs of children.

Recovery Room
In the recovery room, children wake up with a nurse by his or her side as well as the toy he or she selected from the Bunny Lane. While children are in the recovery room, their vital signs are closely observed by nurses and physicians.

Pre-Operative Screening
(901) 287-6273
The focus of Pre-Operative Screening (POS) is to obtain information via telephone to prevent the family from making an extra visit to the hospital. The children scheduled for surgery who have health problems, anesthesia related issues, or a need for lab or diagnostic tests can schedule an appointment. The pre-op patient form should be completed on all pre-operative patients while in the surgeon’s office and faxed with the history and physical, physician’s orders and operative permit to (901) 937-3335.

Same Day Surgery
(901) 287-6138
Fax: 287-5974
Same Day Surgery offers an alternative to traditional inpatient care for some surgical and medical procedures. One-day surgery patients are admitted the morning of their procedure and usually go home later that afternoon. Same day surgery includes a variety of preoperative and postoperative services including pediatric anesthesia supervision and parental education.

3T Intraoperative MRI (iMRI)
The iMRI is located in the neurosurgical operating room and will provide high resolution images before, during and after an operation. Surgeons will be able to collect scans without moving the patient from the surgical table, ensuring that the optimum position for surgery is never compromised. The neurosurgical suite will also give surgeons access to live Web casting capabilities during surgical procedures, enhancing the teaching capabilities the Neuroscience Institute can offer. In partnership with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Le Bonheur Children’s is home to one of the nation’s largest pediatric brain tumor programs. St. Jude contributed $7 million to help build Le Bonheur’s new neurosurgical operating room suites and clinical facilities associated with post-operative, intensive care for brain tumor patients.
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To facilitate physician referrals, call:
(901) 287-7337 or (866) 870-5570

Starlite Room for Sedation
The Starlite Room is specifically designed for procedures that do not require general anesthesia but can be painful or scary to a child. It provides a calm, quiet environment and many distractions for procedures such as dressing changes. Some of the room’s features include stars on the ceiling, soft lights, a machine with bubbles that change in size and color and a projector that displays clouds and other serene images. The Starlite Room provides a safe, controlled environment with anesthesiologists and specially trained nurses providing sedation.

Pre-Operative Teaching
(901) 287-6021
Fax: 287-4564
This free service is provided by a Child Life specialist who is trained in helping children and families cope with hospitalization and illness. Touring before admission offers a chance to visit the hospital and see the sights, sounds, and events the patient and family will experience the day of the procedure. The tour will give the child a chance to build trust, understand what is involved, and gain control over the experience.

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In addition to providing jobs for its 2,000 Associates, Le Bonheur indirectly supports more than 14,000 local jobs.