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## Lefkofsky ICU Unit (Chicago) Received ICU Design Citation



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The Lefkofsky Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago received the ICU Design Citation from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

The 40-bed medical and surgical ICU unit catering to patients ranging from newborns to young adults received the award for its patient- and family-focused design. The architects also took design and amenities input from the members of the hospital's Kids' advisory board.

Located on the 16th floor of the 23-storey hospital, the PICU's single-patient rooms were developed from a clinical and family perspective. All rooms are private with designated family, patient and provider locations.

Families visiting the unit are screened upon their arrival and are banded with a colour-coded ID band that matches their child's. The layout offers patients and families more space and privacy, including more room for family members to sleep at the bedside.

The Family Great Room has been designed to offer a feeling of home, featuring a space to share a meal in the dining area and a play area. The unit also features a CT scanner that resembles a yellow submarine.

The hospital was opened in June 2012 at the downtown Chicago campus of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

The ICU Design Citation is co-sponsored by the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Illinois and the Committee on Architecture for Health of the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco.

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