



*The Sparrow Regional
Children's Center includes a*

*43-bed family centered inpatient
care unit.*

*A parent is welcome to stay over
night and participate in their
child's care.*

*Medical and surgical care is
provided for patients ages
newborn through 18. These
children require specialized care
but not the constant attention
given in an intensive care unit.*



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Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

The region's only pediatric intensivists are on the Sparrow staff along with highly trained nurses certified in pediatric advanced life support.

Major medical, surgical and trauma patients from throughout the region, ages birth through 18, are cared for in this unit.

A specially trained pediatric team is available on a 24-hour basis, upon physician request, to travel to regional hospitals. The team stabilizes and transports critically ill or injured infants and children to the Sparrow Regional Children's Center.

Child Life

Sparrow is the only hospital in mid-Michigan to offer a child life program.

Child Life Specialists help children and families deal with the stress and anxiety associated with hospitalization.

Child Life Specialists offer a surgery orientation for children who are scheduled for upcoming surgery at Sparrow Hospital.

Pediatric After Hours

The **Pediatric After Hours Minor Emergency Unit** provides quality care to children from infancy to adolescence. Every day of the week, a board-certified pediatrician is available for children who cannot wait to be seen by their own doctor. Our highly skilled nurses are certified in pediatric advanced life support. Weekday hours 6-10 pm, and weekends 3-7:30 pm.



Pediatric Sub-Specialty Physician Offices

The Regional Children's Center offers a variety of pediatric subspecialty physicians to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of children. If you feel that your children can benefit from an evaluation from one of these specialists, please discuss this with your child's primary physician.

Pediatric Subspecialist Physicians available are: Endocrinologists, Gastroenterologists, Nephrologists, Orthopedic Surgeons, Pulmonologists, and General Surgeons.

The Pediatric Interdisciplinary Clinics are comprised of:

- Cleft Palate Clinic
- Developmental Assessment Clinic
- Myelodysplasia Clinic

Visit our Web site www.sparrow.org/childrenscenter/ for more information on the services the Regional Children's Center physicians and clinics have to offer mid-Michigan families.

Pediatric Outpatient

Pre- and post-operative and procedural care is provided in this family oriented unit. The unit is open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children ages infant to 18 years having surgery or a medical procedure such as MRI, CT Scan, Bone Marrow Aspiration, or Lumbar Puncture are cared for in the Pediatric Outpatient area. Our highly skilled nurses are certified in pediatric advanced life support. The excellent support staff are highly attuned to the needs of families.

Comprehensive Pediatric Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation Services

A **Pediatric Physical Therapist** helps develop or return the function of gross motor skills, such as sitting, crawling, walking, running and jumping.

An **Occupational Therapist** is an expert in the field of human occupation. A child's occupation in life is play, self-care, school and learning about their environment.

Speech-language Pathologists are experts in human communication, its development and disorders. In addition to evaluating, diagnosing, and treating deficits of speech, language and swallowing, a speech-language pathologist also addresses areas of cognition.

