

AUGUST 2021 | YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL IMAGING and PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY EDITION

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## Yale New Haven Hospital, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Recognized as Among the Best in the Nation

YNHH and YNHCH continue to rank among the top hospitals in the United States according to *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "Best Hospitals" listings.

Of the nearly 5,000 hospitals surveyed, YNHH ranks nationally in 8 of 15 specialties. Yale New Haven Hospital ranked #11 in Psychiatry. In addition, YNHH also performed well in Geriatrics (#21), Pulmonology (#27), Diabetes and Endocrinology (#33), Neurology and Neurosurgery (#42), Gastroenterology (#45), Gynecology (#47) and Ear, Nose and Throat (also at #47).

YNHCH, the top-ranked children's hospital in Connecticut and second ranked hospital in New England, has been selected among the best children's hospitals in the nation for 6 out of 10 pediatric subspecialties in the 2021-22 Best Children's Hospitals rankings. YNHCH ranked in diabetes and endocrinology (#6); neonatology (#27); nephrology (#27); gastroenterology and GI surgery (#37); pulmonology and lung surgery (#43); neurology and neurosurgery (#47).

## RADIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL IMAGING UPDATES

We continue to be committed to providing safe, efficient high-quality radiological care for your patients, and are taking multiple safety measures.

- Time in waiting room is minimized.
- Imaging rooms are cleaned before and after each patient.
- All staff and patients must wear masks.
- Social distancing initiatives are still in place.

### New Radiology Order Forms

An updated YNHH general radiology requisition form is now available for those clinicians who are not using Epic. In addition, a second form has been added for Nuclear Medicine.

The new forms include space for critical results contact information, a vital part of the referral process. It is available from the physician liaison in your area.



## Breast Imaging Update

Scheduling a mammogram is now more convenient with late hours and weekend appointments available at many of our locations. Hours vary by location.

Shoreline Medical Center  
111 Goose Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Guilford

Smilow Cancer Hospital  
35 Park Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, New Haven

North Haven Medical Center  
6 Devine Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, North Haven



There are three ways for your patients to schedule a mammogram

- **Call:** 833-772-0003
- **MyChart:** Click the icon “Schedule”
- **Online:** go to [ynhhs.org/mammogram](http://ynhhs.org/mammogram)

In addition, use of the new mammography coach has been instrumental in offering more appointments for mammography, visiting Yale New Haven Hospital ambulatory sites on a regular basis. Offering a safe modern environment, the coach is equipped with both 3D mammography and dedicated breast ultrasound rooms. The mammography van visits the following locations:

Long Wharf Medical Center  
150 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Shoreline Medical Center  
111 Goose Lane, Guilford

North Haven Medical Center

Uncasville Medical Center  
2 Sandy Desert Road, Trading Cove Lot, Uncasville

## Screeners Discontinued at Ambulatory Sites

Effective July 2, door screeners are no longer required at all YNHHS locations (including all satellites).

## Clinical Decision Support

As of January 1, 2020, ordering physicians must consult Appropriate Use Criteria when ordering outpatient advanced imaging. This includes CT, MRI, PET, and Nuclear Medicine for Medicare patients. All imaging providers across the country are required to adopt this change.

To help clinicians comply with this legislation, YNHHS has integrated a clinical decision support tool into Epic, and provide access to a web-based tool, Care Select for non-Epic users.

When placing these high-tech imaging orders in the EMR, the system will send those exams to National Decision Support Company, our third-party vendor, for review and scoring based on Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC). When the score of the originally placed high-tech imaging exam falls below a certain threshold, the system will find and suggest alternate exams that may be more appropriate for the patient.

For non-Epic users, once registered, physicians enter a patient’s information into Care Select, and obtain a unique decision support number to be used as verification AUC was referenced. This number needs to be included when making a referral, either electronically or on our YNHHS radiology requisitions.

A listing of frequently asked questions is available from your physician liaison, or visit [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov) for more information.

## PEDIATRIC UPDATES

### Extended Hours Now Available for Most Pediatric Specialties, Ancillary and Support Services

In an effort to enhance access to services for children and their families, and for community pediatric providers, extended hours for appointments are available for both in-person visits at our Pediatric Specialty Centers in Greenwich, New Haven and Old Saybrook, and through Telehealth.

Evening hours extend to 7 pm. Saturday hours are available at our Pediatric Specialty Centers in New Haven at Long Wharf and Yale New Haven Children's Hospital on WP-2 from 8 am until noon.

The specialties currently offering extended hours include:

- Allergy
- Nephrology
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Diabetes / Endocrinology
- Pulmonology / Sleep Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- Rheumatology
- Genetics Surgery
- NNICU Graduate Program
- Urology

### Children's Post-COVID Comprehensive Care Program

Yale Medicine pediatric specialists at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital provide care to children who are experiencing residual, prolonged effects due to COVID-19 infection also known as long COVID and COVID-19 Syndrome. These effects can range from mild to moderate and may include:

- an inability to tolerate strenuous activity
- anxiety
- chest tightness
- cognitive difficulties, also known as "brain fog"
- extreme fatigue

- headache
- muscle pain
- shortness of breath
- palpitations
- residual fever

Experts in infectious disease, pulmonology, cardiology, rheumatology and neurology see patients at the Pediatric Specialty Center in the Children's Hospital, all during a single visit. While research is underway, evidence suggests that children can experience prolonged symptoms of COVID-19 similar to adults with long COVID. A better comprehension of this condition is urgently needed for children who, months after COVID-19, still struggle to return to their normal life. Through this program, a tailored care plan is provided based on the latest research to aid their recovery. The care team also includes nurse coordinators, social workers and other interdisciplinary care team members who ensure each families' needs are met.

In addition to addressing persistent symptoms after COVID-19, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital offers programs involving return-to-sports clearance for children who had COVID-19 along with management of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C).

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital  
Pediatric Specialty Center  
1 Park St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New Haven, CT

To make an appointment, please call 877-925-3637 (877-YALE-MDS).

### Pediatric Community Education Series

Topic: TBD  
Date: September 2, 2021  
Time: 7 – 8 am  
Presenter: TBD  
Moderator: Greg Germain, MD

Topic: Metabolic Presentation of Common Disorders  
Date: September 9, 2021  
Time: 6 – 7 pm  
Presenter: Michele Spencer-Manzon, MD  
Moderator: Steve Schiz, MD

### Blood Draw Services for Children

Blood draw services for newborns through adolescents are available at the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Pediatric Specialty Centers. Blood draws are performed by specially trained and skilled pediatric staff. Child Life Specialists are available to provide developmental and age appropriate distraction techniques.

Pediatric blood draw services are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call the specific Pediatric Specialty Center's main phone number.

500 West Putnam Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Greenwich, CT  
475-240-8000

1 Park Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New Haven, CT  
203-688-7190

1 Long Wharf, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New Haven, CT  
203-688-7888

747 Belden Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Norwalk, CT  
203-750-1999

633 Middlesex Turnpike, Suite 110  
Old Saybrook, CT  
860-388-8300

5520 Park Avenue, West Pavilion, Suite G-600  
Trumbull, CT  
203-337-8600

<https://www.ynhh.org/childrens-hospital/services/blood-draw-stations>

### Save the Date!

Join us for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Maxwell Bogin Lectures in Pediatrics. This year's topic is Adolescent Health Updates. This virtual event will take place on Wed., Nov.3 from 9 am – 1 pm. Registration opens Sept.1. For more information, please call Department of Pediatrics at 203-384-3712.

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds are held virtually every Wednesday at noon. For details and to be added to the mailing list for notifications, send your request to [sheryl.richetelli@yale.edu](mailto:sheryl.richetelli@yale.edu).

### COVID-19 Town Halls

Town Halls for our pediatric community providers regarding COVID-19 are held on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. Led by Thomas Murray, MD, PhD, associate medical director, infection prevention, YNHCH and Matthew Grossman, MD, interim section chief, hospital medicine, vice chair for quality and safety, YNHCH. You may submit questions in advance of the meeting. Upcoming session is scheduled for August 30, and an expert on variants will talk about what we are seeing and what to expect.

### Correction

In the last issue of Physician Liaison News, the Pediatric Specialty Center's Greenwich location was listed incorrectly. Correct address is 500 West Putnam Avenue, Suite 220.

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