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Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare Ranks Among Nation's Top Orthopaedic Programs in U.S. News Media Group's America's Best Children's Hospitals

[Saint Paul, Minn.] – **June 3, 2010** – Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare has been ranked 17th in the nation for orthopaedics in U.S. News Media Group's 2010 edition of *America's Best Children's Hospitals*, published online at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals and featured in the August issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, available on newsstands starting July 27.

The 2010 America's Best Children's Hospitals are ranked in cancer, diabetes and endocrine disorders, digestive disorders, heart and heart surgery, kidney disorders, neonatal care, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopaedics, respiratory disorders, and urology. In 2009, Gillette ranked 18th in orthopaedics.

“We're honored to again be ranked among the best of the best in children's healthcare,” says Margaret Perryman, President and CEO of Gillette. “We've been widely regarded for our orthopaedic expertise since our hospital's inception in 1897, and today, we have one of the highest concentrations of pediatric orthopaedic surgeons in the country. This recognition is a reflection of the excellent care that we provide not only in orthopaedics, but throughout our organization.”

The methodology behind these rankings weighed a three-part blend of reputation, outcome, and care-related measures such as nursing care, advanced technology, credentialing, and other factors. The hospitals were judged based on a combination of opinions from pediatric specialists about the hospitals they would recommend for the sickest children and data gathered in a 65-page survey covering important medical information ranging from surgical death rates to whether pediatric anesthesiologists and other sub specialists are on the staff. A detailed description of the methodology can be found at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals.

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About Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette's mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. For more information, visit www.gillettechildrens.org.