Discover What Makes Us Different

Since 1897, Gillette Children's has focused on some of the toughest challenges in pediatric medicine. We care for brain, bone, and movement conditions needing specialized expertise. When families arrive at our door, they feel they've come home. We're inspired by their perseverance.

Gillette provides specialty care to patients whose conditions include:

- Complex conditions such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spina bifida, scoliosis, hydrocephalus, and muscular dystrophy.
- Rare disorders such as osteogenesis imperfecta, Rett syndrome, and spinal muscular atrophy.
- Traumatic injuries including spinal cord injuries, severe brain injuries, complex or acute fractures, and sports-related soft tissue injuries.

These conditions demand time and specialized expertise – right from the beginning.

We are undeterred in our efforts to find the reasons and the solutions. We choose to focus on what is possible without downplaying or glossing over challenges. If a solution doesn't exist, we build it. If a question is unanswered, we research it. If a child has a dream, it becomes our dream, too.

We focus on brain, bone and movement conditions including:

- Orthopedics (including spine, sports medicine and joint preservation)
- Rehabilitation Medicine and Therapies
- Gait and Motion Analysis
- Neurology and Neurosurgery
- Craniofacial Services
- Complex Care Pediatrics
- Pediatric Trauma
- Ancillary Services related to individuals who have disabilities (audiology, sleep, psychology, etc.)

The Gillette Care Model

The Gillette care model differentiates us from other health systems. Our providers' focused expertise in specialty care enables them to work in tandem with families, anticipating and meeting patients' needs. This creates trusting and long-term relationships between families and care teams, as many patients we serve have lifelong medical needs.
Clinical Excellence
Gillette clinicians take pediatric care to the next level. They have advanced education and comprehensive training in the care of medically complex children, and many are regarded as leaders in their fields. Specialty care providers from around the United States are attracted to Gillette for the opportunity to work with colleagues in their field, further bolstering our expertise.

Gillette Children's has always been the first to find a way, to see a new horizon.

We're the first SPECIALTY HOSPITAL
Founded in 1897, Gillette is the nation's first public hospital specifically dedicated to treating children who have disabilities.

We're the first PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER IN MINNESOTA
Gillette partners with Regions Hospital to run Minnesota's first Level I Pediatric Trauma Center for critically injured children and teens.

We're the first ACCREDITED GAIT AND MOTION ANALYSIS CENTER IN THE U.S.
Gillette opened the first accredited gait lab in the country, according to the Commission For Motion Laboratory Accreditation. We've received multiple “best paper” awards from internationally renowned gait analysis organizations.

We're the first HOSPITAL TO SERVE AS A UCP AFFILIATE
Gillette is the only U.S. children's hospital to serve as its state's official United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) affiliate. We're also among the top five U.S. children's hospitals for CP patient volumes. Our Cerebral Palsy Institute offers a full spectrum of treatments depending on the severity of symptoms.

We're the first in SURGICAL INNOVATION
Gillette was the first hospital in Minnesota to perform selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR) surgery and pediatric deep brain stimulation (DBS).

What's ahead....

As we look to the future, Gillette will defy geographical boundaries to expand our reach. We will lead the data revolution to improve outcomes and accelerate discoveries – for our patients and for all children.

Since its founding, Gillette Children's has been illuminating the future for patients, providers, and the community. Now, we build on our strengths to set the global standard and shine brighter than ever before.