

The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Brenner Children's Hospital, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is an 11-bed specialized state-of-the-art critical care unit. Patients and families are cared for by 8 board certified pediatric intensive care specialists who provide 24-hour in-house coverage 365 days a year. The intensivists coordinate care of all children admitted to the PICU along with a highly trained, multidisciplinary team of nurses, respiratory therapists, and support staff including pharmacists, dietitians, social workers, chaplains, and child life specialists. Approximately 500 critically ill and injured infants and children with life-threatening medical and surgical problems including trauma, surgical subspecialty patients including patients with complex congenital heart disease, and medical patients are admitted annually to the PICU. Another 1000 children are admitted to a separate 7 bed intermediate care unit overseen by the pediatric intensivists. The pediatric intensivists have varied interests and expertise in the fields of pediatric medicine and anesthesiology in addition to their skills caring for critically-ill and injured children. The intensivists provide comprehensive services including: pain management and sedation services, consultation for various procedures such as vascular access and airway control, consultation for support of technologically dependent children, pediatric hospice care, and phone triage services for referring physicians and hospitals for the transport of critically-ill and injured children to Brenner Children's Hospital.

To contact one of our physicians in the PICU, call the Physicians' Access Line (PAL) at (336) 716-7654. Physicians Only: 1-800-277-7654

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The Intensivists  
You'll Meet  
in  
the PICU





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Clinical Interests: Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury, Organ Donation & Transplantation

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 Postgraduate: Texas Tech University School of Medicine  
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Board Certification: The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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Clinical Interests: Pediatric Critical Care

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 Residency: University of Louisville, Kosair Children's Hospital  
 Fellowship: Duke University Medical Center

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 The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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 Fellowship: Duke University Medical Center

Board Certification: The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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Board Certification: The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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 Extracorporeal Life Support

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 Fellowship: University of Texas Southwestern

Board Certification: The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine



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Clinical Interests: Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care  
 Quality and Safety

Education:  
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Board Certification: The American Board of Pediatrics  
 SubBoard of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine