

Caring *for* Children

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Willoughby Hills general pediatrician Bonnie White, M.D., has referred hundreds of patients to Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital cardiologists. Her relationship with the clinic began 15 years ago, when she established a private practice here.

"I've sent newborns with cardiac issues, kids complaining of chest pain, children with newly detected heart murmurs and teens developing chest pain on the athletic field," Dr. White says. "I tell my patients, the Cleveland Clinic is where you want to go for cardiac problems—the whole staff is fabulous. I would have my own kids see any one of them."

Now, Children's Hospital cardiologists are among a host of Cleveland Clinic pediatric specialists seeing patients and their families at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights.

Convenience in the Community

"We are bringing our medical and surgical subspecialists closer to where patients and families live," says Robert Wyllie, M.D., physician-in-chief, Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, and chair, division of pediatrics.

What impact does this have on community doctors?

"It's made all the difference in the world," Dr. White says. "When you tell parents that their child needs to be seen by a cardiologist, they're frightened. When you tell them, 'You have to go to the

Here's Lookin' at You, Kid

To learn more about pediatric services at Hillcrest Hospital, please call **(440) 312-4533**. To learn more about the specialty services at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, contact your pediatrician or visit www.clevelandclinic.org/childrenshospital.



Children's Hospital subspecialists are now on the east side

Cleveland Clinic, driving all the way in to the main campus from Mentor or Chardon is a big deal.

"To have Hillcrest so convenient—right off the freeway—and so familiar, because so many mothers have had kids delivered there, takes a lot of stress off the parents."

Dr. White says she takes full advantage of the services offered by Cleveland Clinic pediatric specialists at Hillcrest. Pediatric specialties include:

- ◆ allergy and immunology
- ◆ cardiology
- ◆ endocrinology and diabetes
- ◆ digestive disorders, liver function and nutrition
- ◆ blood disorders and cancer
- ◆ ear, nose and throat
- ◆ newborn care
- ◆ neurology and epilepsy
- ◆ orthopaedic surgery
- ◆ respiratory care
- ◆ urology
- ◆ developmental and rehabilitation pediatrics

Complementary Services

"We are pleased to have a closer association with Hillcrest Hospital," Dr. Wyllie says. "Our comprehensive on-site support complements the pediatric emergency services, neonatal intensive care, and the other excellent pediatric services they already provide."

In addition to the pediatric emergency department, Hillcrest Hospital has an inpatient pediatric unit for children who require an overnight hospital stay. ■

