

SickKids VS Limits

SickKids General Facts

- The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) was founded in 1875 by Elizabeth McMaster.
- In its first year, 44 patients were admitted to the Hospital. Sixty-seven others were treated in outpatient clinics.
- Today, SickKids is one of the top three children's hospitals in the world focused on research, education and care.
- SickKids treats 100,000 patients annually. Over 750 patients from 106 countries have been helped by The Herbie Fund.
- SickKids performs more surgeries – roughly 12,000 a year – than any other paediatric hospital in the country.
- As a highly specialized children's research hospital, patients from around the world come to SickKids for intricate procedures on the heart, brain, and spinal cord, as well as for facial reconstructions, transplantations, and cutting-edge orthopaedic surgeries.
- Our world-leading paediatric cardiac centre is strategically structured so that clinicians and researchers work together to treat and solve disease. There are over 300 full-time Labatt Family Heart Centre staff, all aiming to drastically improve the long-term outlook for complex heart patients.
- SickKids has one of the leading childhood cancer programs in the world. The Garron Family Cancer Centre is a leader in translational childhood cancer research, uncovering root causes and discovering new therapeutic approaches for our patients.
- SickKids is the only hospital in Canada with an in-house lab dedicated to the development of novel medical technologies, the Centre for Image-Guided Innovation and Therapeutic Intervention (CIGITI).
- In September of 2013, SickKids opened the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL). The world-class facility houses over 2,000 SickKids scientists and their staff and currently has 210 labs up and running.