

FACT OF THE DAY

1. SickKids receives more than 400,000 patient visits every year.
2. SickKids was the first children's hospital in Canada.
3. There's at least one new cancer patient at SickKids every day.
4. Kids with high-risk brain cancer can get innovative radiation treatment only at SickKids and one other hospital in Canada.
5. There are 3,500 researchers in the SickKids Research Institute. All looking to make the next big discovery in kids' health
6. SickKids trains nearly 80% of Canada's specialists in kids' cancer.
7. SickKids neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) is one of the busiest in Canada. More than 800 of the littlest and sickest newborns a year depend on SickKids.
8. SickKids surgeons performed 26,846 hours of surgery in the last 12 months. That changes the lives of a lot of kids.
9. SickKids Emergency Department is super-busy. Last year, there were more than 78,009 visits.
10. One patient is registered in SickKids Emergency Department every 7 minutes. Every 9 hours a kid needs to be resuscitated.
11. SickKids does more than 60% of children's heart transplants in Canada.
12. SickKids is the only hospital that does complex infant cardiac surgery in Ontario. With the help of our Mt. Sinai partners, they're the only Canadian hospital that corrects heart defects in babies before they're even born.
13. SickKids is the largest transplant centre in Canada for kids and they treat some of the most complicated cases.
14. SickKids performs 97% of Ontario's children's transplants.
15. SickKids trains approximately 400 international doctors from nearly 50 countries every year.
16. More than 830 patients from 107 countries have come to SickKids for life-changing surgeries, thanks to the Herbie Fund.
17. SickKids is finding ways to use artificial intelligence (AI) to predict cardiac arrest in a patient up to 5 minutes before it happens. This is a Canadian first.
18. Each year, SickKids has more than 39,000 visits or contacts with patients and families to help with mental health, the most of anywhere in Ontario.
19. In 1989, SickKids scientists discovered the gene that causes in cystic fibrosis.
20. SickKids paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) is the largest in Canada. It treats the most critical and complex patients.
21. There are approximately 200 critical care beds in Canada. SickKids has 42 of them.
22. SickKids was first in Canada (and one of the first in the world) to cure a rare genetic form of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) with a bone marrow transplant. Their research team has already found more than 83 of the disease's genetic causes.
23. SickKids Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Program is developing personalized therapies for severely allergic kids.
24. In 1919, SickKids doctors were first to do life-saving blood transfusions in kids.
25. SickKids brings play and fun into the hospital. Doggie playdates and music therapy make sure kids don't miss childhood, even when they're missing home.
26. In 2013, SickKids opened a Transgender Youth Clinic (TYC) – one of the largest in Canada.
27. SickKids physiotherapists helped 23,500 patients this year.
28. In 2018, SickKids therapeutic clowns brought 7,610 smiles to SickKids patients.
29. There's over 3,200 research projects happening now at the SickKids Research Institute to improve kids' health.