

RANKEN JORDAN PEDIATRIC BRIDGE HOSPITAL FACT SHEET

About Ranken Jordan

Ranken Jordan is a pediatric bridge hospital that cares for kids from birth to 21+ who are well enough to leave a traditional hospital but need help before they go home. The only hospital of its kind in Missouri and one of only a select few in the country, Ranken Jordan specializes in caring for children and their families with the most complex conditions, illnesses and injuries, bridging the gap between hospital and home.

The 60-bed hospital uses an innovative care model, *Care Beyond the Bedside®*, which gets children out of their hospital rooms, activating the healing power of play. Located in the heart of the Midwest, Ranken Jordan serves patients from across the region at its state-of-the-art facility. Learn more at RankenJordan.org.

FAQs

How is Ranken Jordan different from a traditional acute care hospital?

Ranken Jordan is a pediatric post acute care hospital so it specializes in caring for children who are ready to leave the acute care environment but are not yet ready to go home.

Ranken Jordan's care model—and the building itself—is fueled by the power of play. The hospital is home to 140,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space including adaptive play spaces, gardens, art and music rooms, even a putting green.

How is Ranken Jordan different from a nursing home?

Ranken Jordan is licensed as a hospital. While the facility offers pediatric skilled nursing, it also provides many elements of care not available at traditional nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities, including developmental and therapeutic services such as psychology support for every patient and the region's only designated pediatric aquatic therapy pool.

Ranken Jordan also offers innovative initiatives like OZ (short for Optimization Zone), which gives hospitalized, medically complex children ages 5 and younger opportunities for structured social play and developmental stimulation, two important factors in reducing the adverse developmental impacts that can accompany long-term hospitalization.

What is Care Beyond the Bedside?

Care Beyond the Bedside is Ranken Jordan's unique care model that encourages children to get out of their hospital bed and play, which promotes healing, learning, and development. Ranken Jordan patients spend the majority of waking hours outside of their hospital rooms.

Who is Nick Holekamp, MD?

Nick Holekamp, MD, is Ranken Jordan's Chief Health Transformation Officer, a role he assumed after serving as Chief Medical Officer for more than 20 years. A sought-after expert on the importance of play for pediatric recovery, he is now focused on sharing the benefits of Ranken Jordan's Care Beyond the Bedside model with the wider healthcare community. He also leads Ranken Jordan's research team.

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