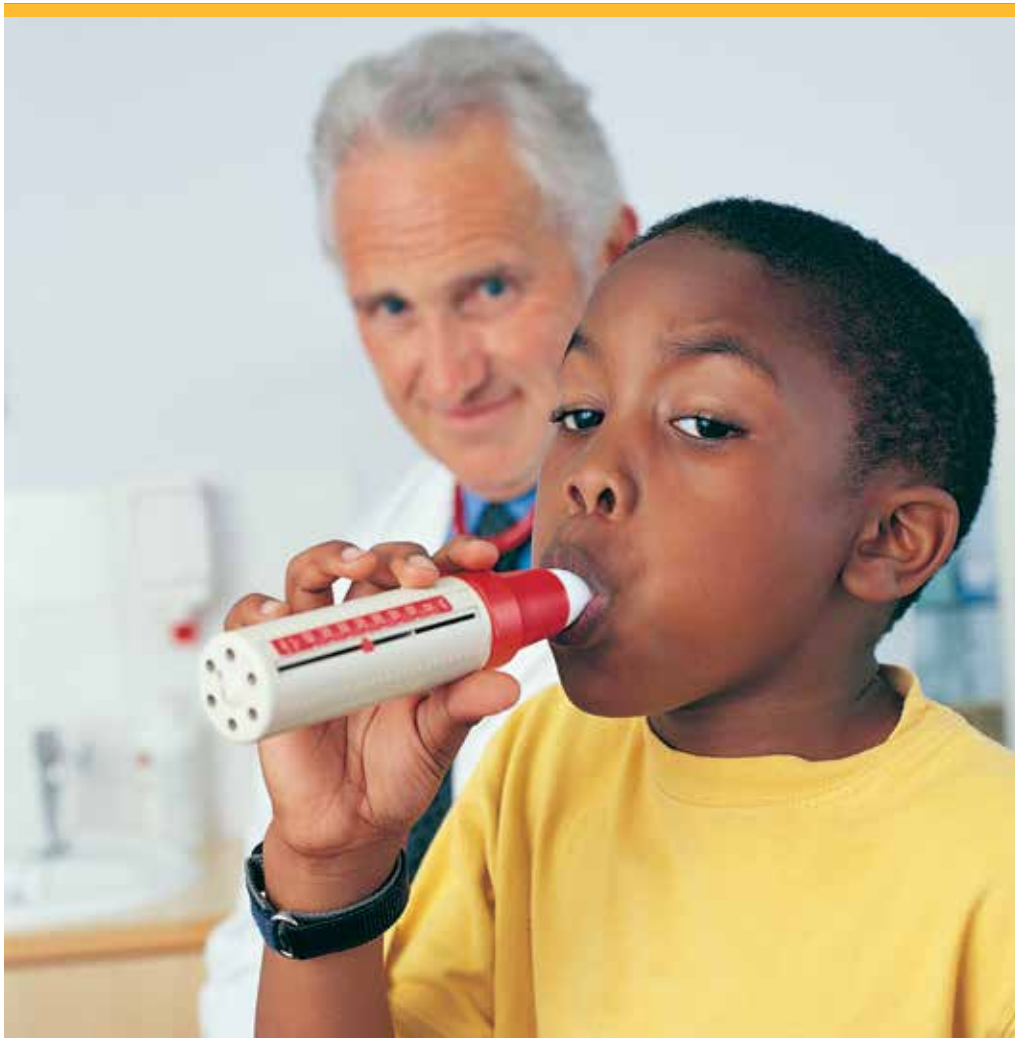


UCLA's full-service Division of Pediatric Pulmonology continues to grow to meet needs



Respiratory problems on the rise

“Respiratory issues are among the most prevalent problems we see in children,” says Sande Okelo, MD, PhD, director of the UCLA Pediatric Asthma Center. “UCLA is expanding its programs to serve patients and provide the best care possible.”

The division offers specialized pediatric pulmonary clinics for those patients with asthma, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis, neuromuscular disease respiratory disorders, and for those children and adolescents who need mechanical ventilatory support.

The UCLA Division of Pediatric Pulmonology provides consultative diagnosis and management of a full range of conditions that affect normal respiratory function in infants, children and adolescents. At UCLA, a multidisciplinary team of experts apply the latest understanding of pulmonary disorders to improve children's lives and their long-term outcomes.

Conditions treated include:

- Asthma
- Chronic lung disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Mechanical ventilator-dependent
- Recurrent or chronic cough/wheezing
- Respiratory failure
- Sleep disordered breathing
 - snoring, obstructive sleep apnea
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Congenital lung disorders
- Exercise intolerance
- Pneumonia — recurrent, aspiration, etc.
- Respiratory disorders/diseases of prematurity
- Shortness of breath
- Tracheostomy-dependence
- Ventilation-dependence including CPAP and BiPAP

Services provided include:

- Consultative diagnosis and disease management
- Bronchoscopy
- Pulmonary function testing
- Exercise testing
- Sleep studies

Specialty clinics

The Division of Pediatric Pulmonology offers treatment in specialty clinics that provide patients and their families the assurance and convenience of receiving all relevant services in a single, familiar location. Each clinic is designed to meet its patients' special needs. The UCLA Pediatric Asthma Program and the UCLA Cystic Fibrosis Program are two of the specialty clinics offered that reflect strong areas of clinical focus.

Specialty clinics are staffed by a multidisciplinary team of specialists to meet the individual needs of their patients. Team members can include pulmonologists, pulmonary nurse specialists, respiratory therapists, certified asthma educators, social workers and dietitians.

Expanding knowledge and services

As part of an academic medical center, the UCLA Division of Pediatric Pulmonology works to advance the knowledge of respiratory disorders in infants, children and adolescents. As an active center of clinical research, UCLA is able to offer the most advanced treatments and technologies for a range of pulmonary conditions.

The Division is also expanding to meet growing demand and to ensure that new patients can be seen quickly.

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