



YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Located on the Connecticut shore, **Yale-New Haven Hospital** is a 944-bed tertiary care facility recognized as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Boasting a longstanding affiliation with Yale University Schools of Nursing and Medicine, an international reputation for leading-edge research and advanced care, and extensive, state-of-the-art facilities, Yale-New Haven Hospital is proud to offer nursing professionals a wide range of choices — from opportunities for the moment to careers for life.

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Yale-New Haven Hospital School Age/Adolescent Unit

The School Age/Adolescent Unit, located on the 7th floor of our South Pavilion, provides individualized, multidisciplinary care to school-age children and teenagers. Working in conjunction with our Child Life staff – who offer support, preparation, education and daily activities to help make the hospital experience a positive one – our multidisciplinary team offers the individualized care each child needs.

SCHOOL AGE UNIT

Providing care for children ages 3-12, our School Age Unit covers all diagnoses including oncology, medical and surgical, ET, plastics, orthopedics, neurosurgery, and cardiology patients. All beds are monitored for O₂ saturation, ECG and BP with a central station.

All members of our staff are required to be chemotherapy certified. RCAP Program: four CN IIIs, seven CN IIs.

We offer opportunities to participate in numerous Unit-Based Committees – including a staff-run Parent Group, a Bereavement Program, Asthma Teaching Program and the Child Life practice/operations council – as well as multiple "fun" programs for our patients, including the Clown Care Unit, a Dog Visitation Program, the Staff Sunshine Fund, the Pedi Kids Library, and holiday parties with kids and families.

ADOLESCENT UNIT

Caring for the preteen through teenage population – and, on occasion, adults being treated for such congenital or pediatric conditions as Cystic Fibrosis or Sick-Cell Disease – our Adolescent Unit provides care for a diverse patient population including bone marrow transplant, oncology, chronic respiratory, cardiac, general/orthopedic surgery, neurology, neurosurgical, end-stage renal failure and hemophilia patients.

Caring for adolescent patients is really a specialty within a specialty, where nurses balance the roles of friend, mentor, confidant, and sister/parent while maintaining a therapeutic relationship with the patient and their family. As a result, patients enjoy a strong supportive relationship with their staff, knowing they will act as advocates for their needs. Patient care forums like Primary Nurse rounds, Interdisciplinary rounds and Patient Team Meetings offer our nurses the supportive environment necessary to provide this level of emotional encouragement and care.

Along with our Patient Services Manager leadership, we offer RNs access to a Clinical Nurse Educator, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Care Coordinator. We've also initiated the "Generic Pathway" program, which provides an organized, realistic and individualized framework for planning and prioritizing a patient's plan of care. In addition, we offer the opportunity to participate in a number of Unit-Based Committees, including a joint Practice/ Operations Council to address clinical practice and day-to-day operations, a Primary Nursing Committee, and the Children and Families Leadership Committee.

The spirit of camaraderie on the Adolescent Unit seems to influence more than our professional clinical practice. Our team enjoys having fun along with patients and their families, and we've created a wide variety of programs designed to reflect that attitude — including seasonal theme painting, pot-luck meals, and a unit-based t-shirt program, as well as department-wide offerings like the Big Apple Circus Clowns, Dog Volunteer Program and Dances with Wood. Our feeling is that no matter how tough it may be to be a teen, and no matter how busy the workday... you're never too old to have fun.