



# Central California Pediatrics

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Specialty information for physicians who treat children and expectant mothers.



## Valley Children's is a Top Children's Hospital in Quality and Patient Safety

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### One of the Nation's Top Children's Hospitals in Quality and Safety

Despite the pressure and uncertainty presented by COVID-19, Valley Children's remains dedicated to patient safety and quality of care. In recognition of this dedication, Valley Children's Hospital was recently named a Top Children's Hospital by The Leapfrog Group for the second year in a row.

To qualify, hospitals must rank at the top among peers in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey which assesses hospital performance on the highest known standards for quality and patient safety. Performance measures – based on rigorous standards across many areas of hospital care – are considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including pediatric care, infection rates, practices for safer surgery and the hospital's ability to prevent medication errors. More than 2,200 hospitals were considered for this award and among those, Valley Children's is one of only nine children's hospitals which received a Top Children's Hospital distinction.



### Superior Results with Measurable Metrics

When it comes to providing the safest care and avoiding preventable harm, zero is best. Our commitment to safety and transparency is shown through national reporting: Valley Children's exceeds national standards for protecting patients from infections, errors, injuries and accidents.

### Serious Harm Events Centerline Comparisons\*

| Harm Events as Defined by the Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS) | Valley Children's Hospital | CA Children's Hospitals 15+ | National Children's Hospitals 15+ |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unplanned Extubations (UPE's)                                    | 0.4                        | 0.6                         | 0.7                               |
| Adverse Drug Events (ADE's)                                      | 0                          | 0.01                        | 0.01                              |
| Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI's)           | 0                          | 1.4                         | 1.3                               |
| Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI's)       | 0                          | 1.2                         | 1.3                               |
| Falls  | 0                          | 0.01                        | 0.02                              |
| Pressure Injuries (PI's)   | 0                          | 0.2                         | 0.1                               |
| Surgical Site Infections (SSI's)                                 | 0                          | 1.03                        | 2.1                               |
| Ventilator Associated Pneumonias (VAP's)                         | 0                          | N/A                         | 1.5                               |
| Ventilator Associated Events (VAE's)                             | 0                          | N/A                         | 1.5                               |
| Venous Thromboembolism (VTE's)                                   | 0                          | 0.4                         | 0.05                              |
| Peripheral Infiltration/Extravasations-Serious (PIVIE's)         | 0                          | N/A                         | 0.002                             |

\*The hospital centerline is the sum of all of the hospitals' events for a particular Healthcare Acquired Condition (HAC) divided by the sum of the opportunities of all of the hospitals' (patient days, line days, etc.) for the HAC, multiplied by the multiplier for the HAC (100, 1000 etc.). As of 11/20/2020 RK

Patient safety and quality of care depends on systems that anticipate and prevent errors before they cause harm. This is why we advocate for patient safety each and every day and provide the highest level of care as shown in our scores that are among the best in the nation.

## Medical Staff News

The following pediatric specialists recently joined Valley Children's:

**Primary Care**  
**Fresno Children's Pediatrics**  
Caitlin Renn, MD

## Upcoming CME Opportunities

**How Exercise Helps Us Find Happiness, Hope, Connection and Courage in the Time of COVID**

Presented by: Kelly McGonigal, PhD  
Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at noon

Kelly McGonigal is a health psychologist who specializes in understanding the mind-body connection. She is the best-selling author of *The Willpower Instinct* and *The Upside of Stress*. Her latest book, *The Joy of Movement*, explores why physical exercise is a powerful antidote to the modern epidemics of depression, anxiety and loneliness. Through her trademark blend of science and storytelling, McGonigal will go beyond familiar arguments in favor of exercise, to illustrate why movement is integral to both our happiness and our humanity.

Register for this CME at [cmetracker.net/VCH/](http://cmetracker.net/VCH/). Anyone may register through Valley Children's CME tracker.



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