



Dear Patients and Families,

Thank you for your consideration of Connecticut Children's as your child's pediatric practice. We would first like to introduce ourselves and let you know what you can expect if you grant us the privilege of caring for your child.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit children's hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. We are the only free-standing children's hospital in Connecticut, which is important because it means every employee, nurse and physician is specially trained to care for children. We understand children's needs, their concerns and most importantly how much you care about them! Our vision is to make the children of Connecticut the healthiest in the nation!

During this time of transition, we understand you may have questions or concerns about your child's care. We want to assure you that this transition will be as seamless as possible. Your child will continue to see the same trusted physicians and your appointments will continue in the exact same location.

In the meantime, if you would like to reach out to us, we would love to hear from you. Please call us at 860.837.7250. We look forward to caring for you and your child in the near future and want to assure you they are in good hands.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James E. Shmerling'.

**James E. Shmerling, DHA, FACHE**  
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