Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital partners with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in caring for children in Memphis and Mid-South region. Program highlights include:

- State-of-the-art care including BRAVO pH probe studies and capsule endoscopy
- Active liver transplant program
- Specialized multidisciplinary clinics for intestinal failure (CIRCLe Clinic) and eosinophilic esophagitis
- Specialists are also researchers and teachers
- Home to The Morgan Foundation, which supports research for primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), a rare liver disease.
- Recognized as a “Center of Experience” by the Oley Foundation

Spotlight on research

Our division has 10 active research studies underway. Below are some of the highlights.

- **Infant Nutrition and Risk of Celiac Disease**: Proposal for an Intervention, Prospective, funded by the Multicenter Study Center for Celiac Research, Primary Investigator Mark Corkins
- **SUSTAIN Database**: National patient registry for nutrition care of patients on home parenteral nutrition therapy, funded by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Primary Investigator Linda Lazar
- **Cow Milk Protein Intolerance**: Multicenter study of infants with formula protein allergy, funded by the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, Primary Investigator John Eshun
- **Studies of Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (STOPS)**: A study on primary sclerosing cholangitis, a chronic liver disease caused by progressive inflammation and scarring of the bile ducts of the liver, funded by The Morgan Foundation, Primary Investigator Dennis Black

Meet Our Team

The pediatric gastroenterology team at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center has nearly doubled this year.

**Mark R. Corkins, MD, CNSC, SPR, FAAP**
Division Chief Pediatric Gastroenterology
Professor, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center
American Academy of Pediatrics
Certified nutrition support clinician

**Dennis Black, MD**
Medical Director of Children’s Foundation Research Institute, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital
Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Fellow
AGA Institute Council Vice-Chair, Section on Obesity, Metabolism and Nutrition, Chair in 2015

**Cary Cavender, MD**
Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

**John Eshun, MD**
Medical Director of Pediatric Liver Transplantation
Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Board certified in transplant hepatology

**Linda Lazar, MD**
Co-Director of Children’s Intestinal Rehabilitation Clinic, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

**Wednesday Sevilla, MD**
Co-Director of Children’s Intestinal Rehabilitation Clinic, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital
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**John Whitworth, MD**
Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Our multidisciplinary team also includes nurses, dietitians, occupation and physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, pharmacists and social workers.
About Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital

• 255-bed free-standing children’s hospital in Memphis, Tenn.
• Ranked as a best children’s hospital by U.S. News & World Report
• Designated Level 1 pediatric trauma center by the American College of Surgeons
• Pediatric partner of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
• 24-suite FedExFamilyHouse provides housing for families who travel long distances to Memphis

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