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# Pediatric Sedation Center at Golisano Children's Hospital is Recognized Nationally as a Center of Excellence

Aug. 11, 2022 – The Pediatric Sedation Center at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has been recognized as a Center of Excellence in Pediatric Sedation by the Society for Pediatric Sedation.

The Society for Pediatric Sedation is a national multidisciplinary organization striving to advance the practice of pediatric procedural sedation by promoting safe,

high-quality care, innovative research and quality professional education.

Golisano Children's Hospital joins only 11 other hospitals in the country with this recognition.

The Center of Excellence designation requires organizations to follow the guidelines presented by the Society for Pediatric Sedation, complete a thorough application process to be considered as a candidate, and be evaluated by the Society based on the set guidelines and against other applicants. The purpose of this recognition is to acknowledge organizations that provide outstanding care with exceptional patient outcomes.

"We are honored to receive this distinction and be recognized in this way," said Alyssa Bostwick, chief nurse and operations executive at Golisano Children's Hospital. "We are extremely proud of our pediatric sedation team. They continually provide safe, high-quality care to our patients."

The Pediatric Sedation Center at Golisano Children's Hospital uses sedation and support to make children feel comfortable during certain procedures.

Because children learn and cope through play, teams at Golisano Children's Hospital help alleviate fears through evidence-based practices which include developmentally appropriate play, preparation and education, and the use of sensory resources. In the pediatric sedation center, child life specialists are trained to prepare children for procedures by educating them about what they can expect to see, hear and feel during their medical treatment. In addition to developmentally appropriate education, child life specialists also provide support during procedures and assist children with developing positive coping strategies to decrease stress and anxiety. With child life support, children are often able to complete invasive procedures without the use

of sedation.

The Golisano Children's Hospital pediatric sedation team includes multiple certified nursing assistants, a specially trained critical care nursing team, a respiratory therapist, an advanced provider, a pediatric intensivist, a certified child life specialist and a patient care liaison.

The sedation center has been recognized on the Society for Pediatric Sedation website as a Center of Excellence and will be acknowledged at the Society's annual conference.

Learn more about Golisano Children's Hospital at [www.leehealth.org](http://www.leehealth.org).

### **About Golisano Children's Hospital**

*Established by Lee Health in 1994, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has been named a "Top Hospital" three times by The Leapfrog Group. It is the only recognized children's hospital between Tampa and Miami. Lee Health opened the new 134-bed Golisano Children's Hospital in May 2017, relocating the children's hospital from the adjacent HealthPark Medical Center. It includes comprehensive pediatric services including a 24-hour pediatric emergency department, hematology-oncology unit, milk lab, Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, and Level II and Level III NICU with 70 private rooms. Golisano Children's Hospital is proud to have been named Soliant's 2018 Most Beautiful Hospital in the U.S., a recognition determined by popular vote. Since 2019, Golisano Children's Hospital has been a proud member hospital of the Children's Miracle Network. For more information, visit [GolisanoChildrensSWFL.org](http://GolisanoChildrensSWFL.org).*

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