



Happy New Year!

For 70 years, the Baton Rouge Clinic has provided exceptional care to the Baton Rouge community. Our Pediatric Department, comprised of 16 Board-Certified Pediatricians, is proud to provide your child with what we feel is the best care in Baton Rouge through well child check-ups, same day and after hour appointments on weekdays and Saturdays and Urgent Care Sunday walk-in appointments. We appreciate your trust in us to care for your family!

We are committed to ensuring that your child receives the most up-to-date care by a specialist trained in the treatment of children, and occasionally it is necessary to refer your child to a pediatric physician with more extensive training or experience in a specialized area of pediatrics. Because of the special needs facing pediatric patients requiring hospital admission, we feel our patients will receive more specialized care if they are referred to a pediatric hospital physician when admitted to either Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital or to the Baton Rouge General Hospital pediatric unit. Pediatric Hospitalists are Board-Certified pediatricians with expertise in caring for the unique needs of hospitalized patients. By working with an onsite team of doctors in training, pediatric nurse practitioners and pediatric nurses, they can provide 24 hour in-house care, respond quickly to changes in a child's condition and have direct access to other pediatric specialists in the hospital. Both hospitals have excellent pediatric hospital specialists that have been providing this service for many years and we have successfully utilized hospital physician services for our pediatric patients admitted to the Baton Rouge General since 2010.

Therefore, beginning January 29, 2016, should a hospital admission become necessary at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, your child will be admitted to the care of the Hospital Pediatric Service. The admitting physician will notify us of your child's admission and progress, ensuring that we are kept informed during the course of treatment and allowing us to provide them with any important medical information relevant to your child's admission. All information regarding your child's hospital stay will be sent to us at discharge and prior to a follow-up appointment in our office. The Baton Rouge General Pediatric Hospitalist Service will continue the care they already provide to our patients admitted to the Baton Rouge General pediatric unit.

We know this may seem to be a significant change in the care of your child, but with the evolution of specialty pediatric hospital services in recent years, we feel it is the right one to ensure the best hospital care for all of our patients. We welcome your feedback and will be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this change.

Sincerely,
The Baton Rouge Clinic Pediatricians