

# Welcome to the Bridge Program

Your child has been referred to the Bridge program for continued therapy services. The Bridge program will allow your child to receive therapy services from multiple professionals at the same location.

## Who we are

The Bridge program includes team members who specialize in caring for children who have neurological injuries (such as brain, spine, or nerve injuries). Our goal is to support your child's recovery after they leave the hospital, so they can go back to their everyday activities at home, in the community, and at school.

## What to expect

- On your child's first day at Bridge, the team will go over their needs and history, and decide which therapies (OT, PT, SLP, and psychology) will help them the most.
- Your child will be scheduled for therapy sessions at least 2 days a week, for at least 2-3 hours each day to build on the skills they are learning. The Bridge team will decide how often your child will need to come in based on their first visit.
- You must stay in the building during all therapy sessions.

## Who is on the team

### Physical Therapy (PT)

Works with your child to improve movements such as walking, standing, using stairs, strength, coordination, and balance.

### Occupational Therapy (OT)

Helps your child with tasks like self-care, using their hands and arms, thinking, vision, and feeding or swallowing.

### Speech Therapy (SLP)

Works with your child on improving their communication, thinking tasks, feeding and swallowing, and using communication devices.

### Rehab Psychology

Works with your child and family to adjust and cope with their new injury or illness. Our Bridge psychologist focuses on emotional, mental, and behavioral health.

### Education Specialist

Helps your child with learning, thinking, and behavior at school. Our educational specialist works with you and your child's school team to ease the transition back to school after being in the hospital.

### Social Worker

Assesses your child and family's needs and offers supportive counseling, resources, and education. Our Bridge social worker visits in-person with families, as well as over the phone or during other hospital visits, to continue communication outside of Bridge.

# Location

Children's Hospital Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
13123 E 16th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045

## Directions:

- The Bridge program is located on the 6th floor.
- Check-in at the main entrance where they will direct you to Admissions for registration.
- After Admissions, go to the main elevators at the back of the lobby.
- Take the elevators up to the 6th floor and check in at the security desk. Your therapist will come out to meet you here.
- Caregivers are welcome to stay in the gym during therapy or find another spot in the hospital to wait.

# Contact

- If you have questions or concerns about scheduling, please call Shartel Evans at 720-777-4275.
- If you need to cancel an appointment or reach out to your therapist, please use MyChart.
- For questions about MyChart, email [mychart@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:mychart@childrenscolorado.org), or call 720-777-6939.