



## We Care About Your Child.

With a good continuum of care and family teaching, short term skilled stays at New England Pediatric Care (NEPC) can reduce the likelihood of an acute inpatient re-admission and help to ensure each child's success at home and school.

Our team respects each child as an individual and strives to work in partnership with families and caregivers to achieve an optimal recovery.

## NEPC Earns Top Scores For Health Care Quality.

State agencies evaluate the quality of care in nursing homes. In its most recent assessment by the Massachusetts Division of Health Care Quality, NEPC met all 132 key requirements — a perfect score — in all five categories: administration, nursing, resident rights, food service and environment.

**132**

NEPC achieves perfect score in Massachusetts.



## Contact Us

For more information about Short Term Post Hospitalization admission please call **978-667-5123**, or visit us online at **[www.nepediatriccare.org](http://www.nepediatriccare.org)**

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## New England Pediatric Care

Providing a Full Spectrum of Services for Children with Complicated Medical Needs

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## Short Term Post Hospitalization Care *for Children*



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Affiliated with **Floating Hospital for Children**  
at **Tufts Medical Center**

After children  
leave the hospital...

# Short Term Care Is Available at Pediatric Skilled Nursing Facilities

## The Need for Care



Today there are many innovative surgeries and treatments to address the unique needs of children with complex medical conditions.

Until recently there have been few options for skilled nursing care following

procedures such as spinal fusion, intense respiratory therapy or G-tube placement. Medically fragile children have had to endure extended hospital stays until they have recovered sufficiently or be released to caregivers who can be overwhelmed by their intense needs during recovery.

Massachusetts recently established an expedited evaluation and approval process that allows hospitalized children to transfer to pediatric skilled nursing facilities designed just for children for up to 90 days.

New England Pediatric Care, an 80-bed skilled nursing facility for children, has been approved to provide interim care.

Applications for interim placement must be approved by the State's Medical Review Team while the child is still hospitalized. Most will be approved within 24-36 hours.

Floating Hospital  
for Children  
at Tufts Medical  
Center

New England Pediatric Care has full access to the doctors and expertise of Boston Floating Hospital for Children and Tufts Medical Center.

## NEPC Services

Our dedicated team of professionals will work directly with referring hospitals, families and providers to determine whether we can meet a child's needs. Depending on his/her needs, each admitted child, has access to:

- 24-hour skilled nursing & personal care
- On-site clinics which can include rehabilitation, pulmonary, orthopedic, brace, wheelchair, optometry & dental
- Adaptive recreational programs
- Fully-accredited special needs day school



NEPC is a family-centered environment where families are welcome 24 hours a day. Parents and guardians can participate in their child's daily life to whatever extent they are able. They continue to be the sole decision makers

regarding any medical or educational plans developed for their child.

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## Who is Eligible?

To be considered for short term care, each child must:

- Require skilled nursing care
- Be hospitalized and recommended for discharge
- Be ages *birth* up to *22 years old*
- Have a definite plan in place to return to the family home or a community placement

**Children of all cognitive and developmental levels are eligible.**

## Sample Admissions

- **Orthopedic surgery** – when school/home services need to be augmented for a short time
- **GI surgery** – G/J-Tube placement, fundoplication, bowel surgery, etc.
- **After care requiring intense respiratory or IV therapy**
- **Trach placement**
- **Non-weanable ventilator dependency requiring intense home teaching**
- **Any hospitalization where home teaching is indicated**
- **NICU transition/teaching** for family or identified foster placement