

Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology



Meet Our Doctors



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Brian Cauff, MD • Lynn Meister, MD • Anne Schaefer, MD • Deborah Kramer, MD • Iftikhar Hanif, MD

Iftikhar Hanif, MD, Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology

Dr. Hanif is board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics. He graduated from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. He completed his residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Michigan; and a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Hanif is the Principal Investigator for the Children's Oncology Group at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Brian Cauff, MD, Associate Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology

Dr. Cauff is board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine. Following his residency in pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Hospital, he completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Children's Medical Center of Dallas, where he was appointed chief fellow.

Deborah Kramer, MD, Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist

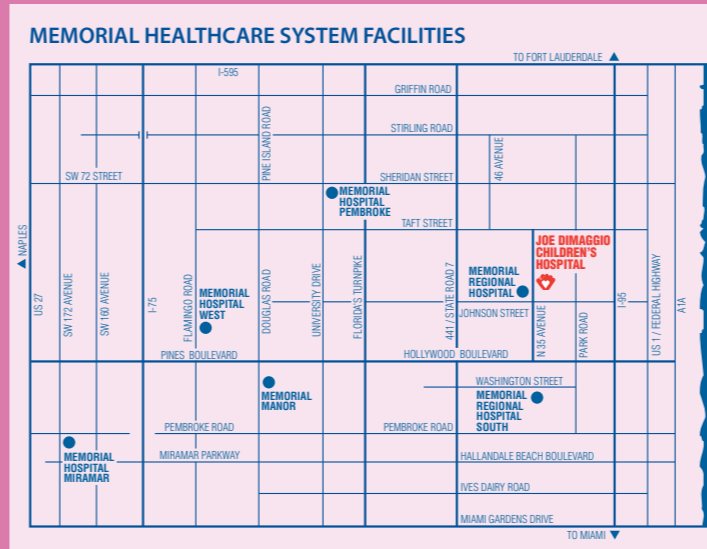
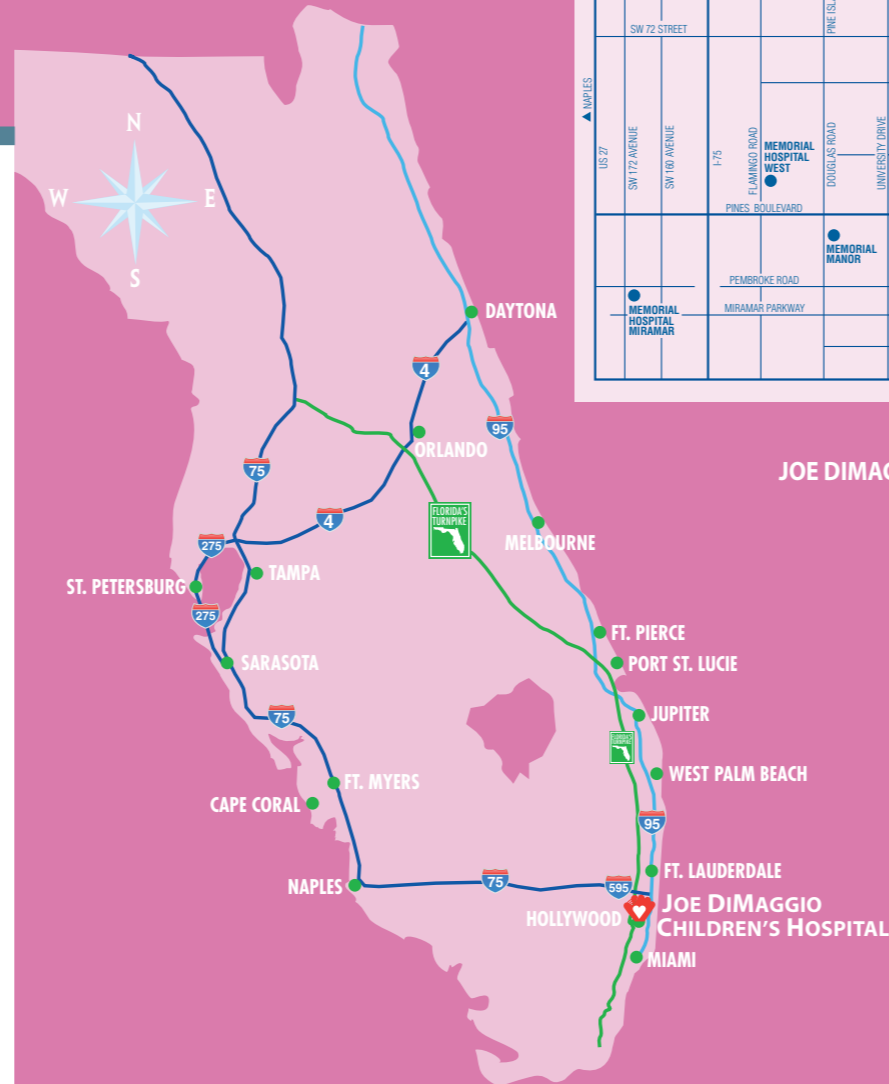
Dr. Kramer is board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics. A graduate of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, she completed an internship and residency in pediatrics at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, and a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Kramer was Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Lynn Meister, MD, Medical Director, Pediatric Palliative Care Program

Dr. Meister is board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology, hospice and palliative medicine, and pediatrics. She graduated from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Her postgraduate training includes a pediatric internship and residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center; an American Cancer Society clinical oncology fellowship; and a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Anne Schaefer, MD, Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist

Dr. Schaefer is board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics. She earned her medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in the Commonwealth of Dominica. After completing a pediatric residency at the University of Florida Health Science Center in Jacksonville, she went to St. Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri for a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology through Washington University School of Medicine.

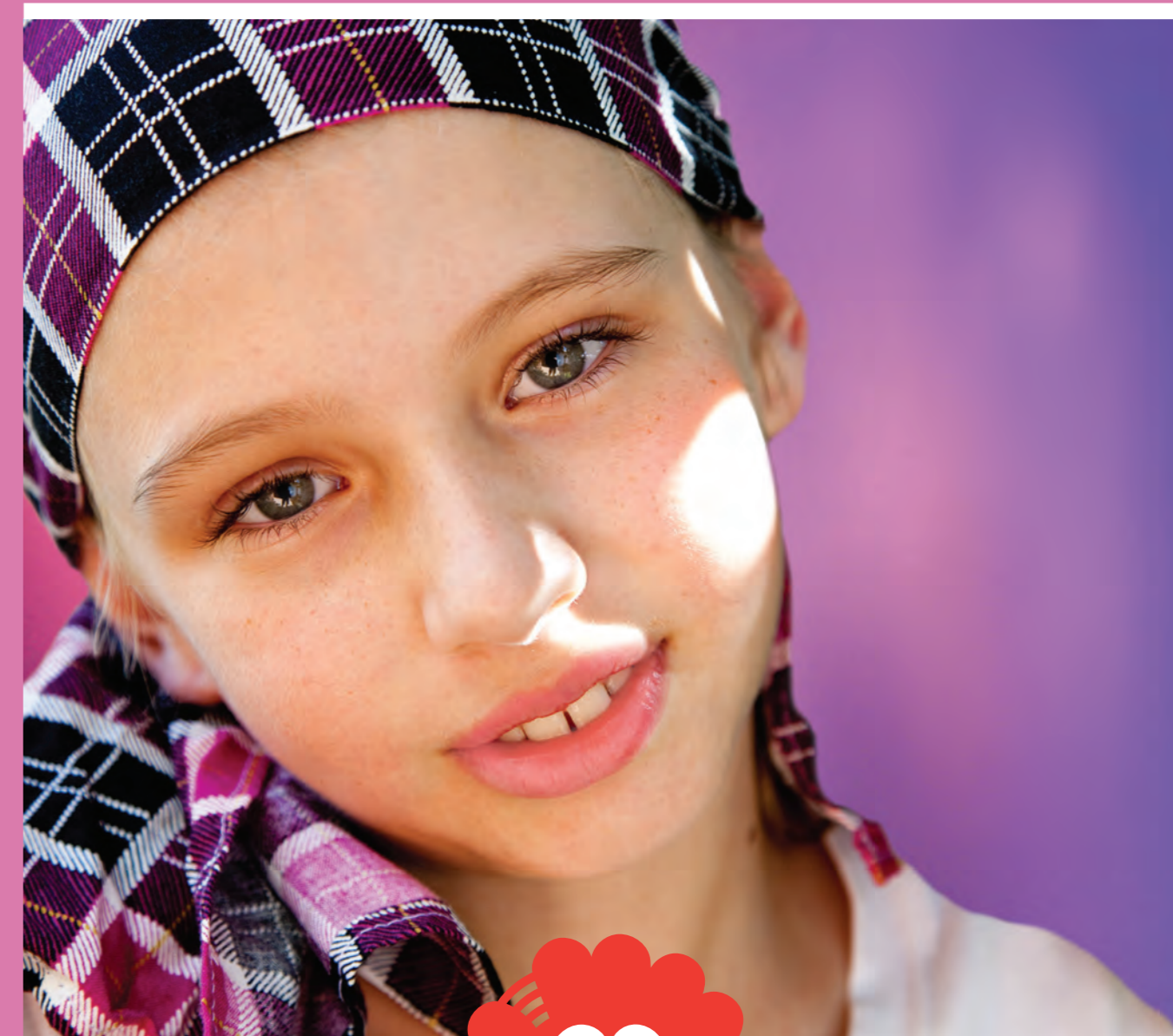


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The Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital specializes in the treatment of pediatric malignancies and blood disorders. Our experienced, board-certified pediatric physicians and allied health professionals work as a multidisciplinary team to provide individualized treatment to patients from infancy to young adulthood.

Committed to the Health and Well-Being of Your Child

Our division maintains a high standard of patient care, with active participation in clinical trials and research. We are a member of the Florida Pediatric Community Clinical Oncology Program and an affiliate of the Children's Oncology Program, two organizations that lead the way in developing leading-edge treatment protocols for childhood cancer.

In addition to our emphasis on clinical excellence, we pride ourselves on our comprehensive support services for patients and their families. Backed by the resources of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Memorial Cancer Institute, we deliver a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient care, including highly specialized medical services, social support and education, alternative/complementary therapies and other services.



About Us

Since it was founded in 1990, the Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology has grown to include five fellowship-trained and board-certified physicians committed to providing excellence in medical care for children from the southeastern United States and neighboring countries.

We take pride in maintaining a high standard of excellence in the treatment of pediatric malignancies and blood disorders. As an active member of the Florida Pediatric Community Clinical Oncology Program, our division has access to advances in treatment and cancer control protocols, with the primary mission to cure and prevent childhood cancer through scientific discovery and compassionate care.

Because family members are the patient's primary source of emotional support, we provide extensive information and education so they can better understand their loved one's condition and how to help during treatment. We also provide the family with support resources to help with coping, financial issues, and maintaining quality of life.

Our Services

About 9,000 children under age 15 are diagnosed with cancer annually, according to the American Cancer Society. Fortunately, many childhood cancers respond well to therapeutic interventions, and patients often have a good prognosis.

Below are some of the conditions treated by the Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Oncologic Disorders

- Bone marrow failure diseases
- Brain tumors
- Embryonal tumors – *Neuroblastoma, Wilms, etc.*
- Histiocytic disorders
- Leukemias – *acute and chronic*
- Lymphomas – *Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's*
- Sarcomas of bone and soft tissues
- Spinal cord tumors

Hematologic Disorders

- Anemias – *acute and chronic*
- Blood clotting disorders – *coagulation disorders*
- Disorders of platelets
- Disorders of white blood cells
- Sickle cell disease
- Thalassemias

Patient- and Family-Centered Care

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is a patient- and family-centered care facility that embraces a collaborative approach among patients, families, physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

In support of this philosophy, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital:

- Recognizes and promotes the family's role as the child's primary caregiver
- Respects and involves the family in decision-making and caregiving
- Shares information in ways that empower and support the patient and the family
- Accepts and builds on family strengths, cultural differences and individual methods of coping



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