The primary aim of the teaching program of the Department of Pediatrics (http://pediatrics.wustl.edu/) is to stimulate interest in developmental biology — in particular, human growth and development — to provide students with a foundation sufficiently comprehensive to have an appreciation of clinical pediatric problems, regardless of their future career choices in medicine.

The major clinical and research facilities are in St. Louis Children’s Hospital (http://www.stlouischildrens.org/), and the newborn services are at the Women & Infants Center (http://www.stlouischildrens.org/women-and-infants/). St. Louis Children’s Hospital is a facility with 300 beds that accepts patients through 21 years of age with all types of medical and surgical problems. Hospital admissions average 11,200 annually. Pediatric medical ambulatory activity, including subspecialty and emergency visits, averages about 152,000 visits per year. Nearly 4,000 infants are born annually at the Washington University Medical Center.

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