

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Timeline

1998 – Egleston Children's Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center officially merged to become Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's officially opened.

The Aflac Cancer Center performs the first cord blood transplant in the country for a patient with sickle cell disease.

1999 – Children's at Scottish Rite plastic surgeon Steven Ray Cohen, M.D., invented the modular internal distraction system, a device to correct facial deformities that is less noticeable than existing devices and that cuts down on bleeding, infections and relapsed skulls.

2004 – Children's Healthcare of Atlanta announced expansion plans for the Children's at Egleston and Children's at Scottish Rite campuses.

2005 – Official groundbreaking for facility expansion of Children's at Egleston.

Official groundbreaking for facility expansion of Children's at Scottish Rite.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta established Neuro Spine Care for Kids, one of the only comprehensive pediatric neurosurgical spine care programs of its kind in the country.

2006 – Children's and Grady Health System jointly announced that an affiliate of Children's would assume responsibility for the management of services at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital beginning in February.

Jay E. Berkelhamer, M.D., Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, officially took office as president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The AAP is the nation's largest pediatric organization, with a membership of 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists and pediatric surgical specialists.

2007 – Children's Healthcare of Atlanta announced plans to build a new facility at the Hughes Spalding campus.

Children's at Scottish Rite opened a new state-of-the-art pediatric emergency facility.

Children's became one of only four pediatric hospitals in the world and the first in the Southeast to house IMRIS technology. IMRIS Neuro is an intra-operative magnetic resonance imaging system that provides real-time images to surgeons in the operating room.