

El Jardín Opens at Ben Taub

New kid-friendly practice offers full bilingual service

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Children now can receive check-ups in a newly created, fully bilingual, kid-friendly pediatric practice located in Ben Taub General Hospital. The center, El Jardín, opened June 14 and has a full-time pediatrician, an LVN an RN and a unit clerk.

“The name El Jardín means ‘The Garden’ in Spanish,” said Dr. Shea Palamountain, Primary Care Physician of El Jardín. “It represents growth, development and nurturing. When deciding on the center’s name, employees wanted something that conveyed children and a soothing environment.”

The center’s four exam rooms, formerly used for the hospital’s intermediate-care patients, now are decorated with giraffe wallpaper.

“While we provide non-emergent care and want to give patients a medical home, being located inside a hospital allows us to be surrounded with the best expertise in case of an emergency,” said Elizabeth Gutiérrez, Pediatric Nurse Manager. “But our goal is to provide preventive medicine so that a child does not become sick enough to visit an emergency center.”

Same day appointments are available by calling 713-873-KIDS. The number is available 24 hours a day. The center’s hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.