

Media Advisory
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Pediatric patients go “trick or treating”

—More than 30 pediatric patients will participate in annual Halloween parade—

BACKGROUND: Millions of children around the country will be celebrating Halloween with friends and family, but many others will be spending the holiday in the hospital. To make sure there will be plenty of “treats” this year for our pediatric patients, the ChildLife department at University Hospital is bringing Halloween into the hospital.

Young patients, dressed in friendly costumes, will walk or ride in wheelchairs and wagons during a special Halloween parade. The children will “trick or treat” through many of the administrative offices in the hospital, and staff members will reward them with a variety of treats.

The Janey Briscoe Children’s Center at University Hospital cares for children from all over Bexar County and the 22-county trauma region. Many of these young patients have undergone complicated surgical procedures or are still coping after a devastating traumatic experience. In addition to making them well enough to go home, the ChildLife team tries to help create at least a few happy hospital memories.

WHO:	University Hospital pediatric patients interact with staff members during hospital parade.
WHAT:	Staff members will pass out goodies and smiles to pediatric patients.
WHEN:	Tuesday, October 31, 2006 1 - 3 p.m.
WHERE:	University Hospital (Meet in Corporate Communications, first floor, main entrance)