



## Paediatric Emergency Services

**Venue: Emergency Department, Ground Floor**

**Faculty in Charge – Dr Ranjini Srinivasan, Assoc. Professor**

The paediatric emergency at St. John's Medical College Hospital caters to the emergency needs of paediatric patients across all specialties, both medical and surgical. All children up to the age of 18 years including newborns are effectively triaged and managed by trained paediatricians who are available 24/7 in the emergency.

The average number of patients seen every month in the emergency is around 1200 who come with a wide variety of problems ranging from medical emergencies to polytrauma to animal bites and envenomation. There are funds available to offer financial support to those families who cannot afford medical care to ensure that no child is turned away from the emergency on account of economic constraints. A medical social worker is available 24 hours to help families in need and to support the families of those children who may need hospitalization to the intensive care units.

The emergency is run by Dr. Ranjini Srinivasan who has more than a decade experience in handling paediatric emergencies and is a trained national level ALS (Advance Life Support) and BLS instructor (Basic Life Support). All the doctors and nurses in the emergency regularly undergo training in paediatric emergency to ensure that the best care is always given to the patient.