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Grazyna Piekos-Sobczak, MD, FAAP, Joins Phoenix Children's

Pediatrician Helps Patients With Complex Disorders Related to Endocrine System

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 30, 2008) – Grazyna Piekos-Sobczak, MD, FAAP, has joined Phoenix Children's Hospital's expanding Division of Endocrinology.

Piekos-Sobczak, a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, earned her medical degree from the Medical Academy of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, and completed her general internship at Solec Hospital, Warsaw, Poland. She started her pediatric residency at Southern Illinois University, Springfield, Ill., and completed it at Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. Piekos-Sobczak went on to complete her fellowship in pediatric endocrinology in 2005, and most recently worked in private practice at Southwest Pediatric Endocrinology in Scottsdale, AZ.

"The addition of Dr. Piekos-Sobczak to our team of talented endocrinologists strengthens our position as a leader in the provision of sub-specialized treatment for children living with a variety of health disorders," says Bob Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "It's clear her expertise in helping children dealing with problems with growth and sexual development is a huge benefit to our Hospital, as well as our patients and their families."

In her new role, Piekos-Sobczak will work with a multi-disciplinary team of sub-specialty-trained physicians to care for children living with a variety of health problems, including obesity, diabetes, and short stature, to name a few.

"I chose endocrinology because it's a specialty of extremes – your patients are too tall or too short, approach puberty too early or too late," Piekos-Sobczak says. "I decided to join Phoenix Children's because I wanted to be part of a larger team that deals with all the complex issues of a patient's care – and you don't get that opportunity working in a smaller private practice."

The Division of Endocrinology at Phoenix Children's Hospital offers a comprehensive team approach to treatment and management of endocrine disorders. The Hospital's endocrinologists are trained in pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology and nationally recognized experts in diabetes and growth-hormone deficiency. The team consists of the endocrinologists, endocrine nurse practitioners, endocrine nurse specialists, nutritionists, social workers, and child life specialists.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's only licensed children's hospital, providing world-class care in more than 40 pediatric specialties to our state's sickest kids. Though Phoenix Children's is one of the ten largest freestanding children's hospitals in the country, rapid population growth in Arizona means the Hospital must grow as well.

Phoenix Children's recently announced a \$588 million expansion plan to bring its special brand of family centered care to even more patients and families. The plan includes a significant upgrade of the Hospital's current campus, an aggressive physician recruitment effort, and new satellite centers in high growth areas of the Valley. For more information, visit the Hospital's Web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of Dr. Piekos-Sobczak is attached.

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