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## **Paul Stillwell, MD, Steps Down as Physician-in-Chief of Phoenix Children's Hospital**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (April 4, 2007) – Phoenix Children's Hospital announced today that effective immediately, David Bank, MD, Director of Emergency Services at Phoenix Children's, will serve as interim physician-in-chief. Bank replaces Paul Stillwell, MD, who served in the position four years but requested the change in order to concentrate on his duties as Division Chief of Pulmonology.

“During a time when this Hospital needed strong leadership, Paul agreed to take on added responsibilities on an ‘interim’ basis,” said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's Hospital. “Well, it's been more than four years, and the many contributions Paul has made can be found throughout this Hospital.”

Stillwell's most significant contribution was in the area of physician recruitment. During his tenure, Phoenix Children's Medical Group grew from 46 to 110 physicians, adding many nationally-renowned specialists and sub-specialists that enabled Phoenix Children's to establish its Centers of Excellence. In addition, he initiated the Hospital's first comprehensive physician compensation plan and established research protocols.

David Bank, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, launched the Emergency Department for Phoenix Children's and has watched it grow to more than 56,000 visits annually. He's established an Emergency Department Fellowship program and under his leadership the Emergency Department has consistently earned highest ratings for customer service.

Bank also has been instrumental in establishing the process for the regulation of trauma centers throughout Arizona with the State Trauma Advisory Board. Prior to his efforts; Arizona was one of the few states in the country where trauma centers were not regulated.

“David Bank is a proven leader at Phoenix Children's, and I appreciate his willingness to take on the additional responsibilities of Physician-in-Chief,” noted Meyer. “I am confident that he will continue the great work begun by Dr. Stillwell and leave his own mark of excellence.”

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest free-standing children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the State practice at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information about Phoenix Children's, visit the Hospital's website at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).

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