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**Longtime valley pediatrician A.D. (Albert) Jacobson, MD, joins Phoenix Children's
to grow Hospital's General Pediatrics Clinic**

Recently Named One of "Best Doctors in America" by His Peers

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Oct. 23, 2007) – A.D. (Albert) Jacobson, MD, a Valley pediatrician for 32 years and the past Vice Chair for the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, has joined Phoenix Children's as the Section Chief of Ambulatory Pediatrics. He will direct growth of the Hospital's General Pediatrics clinic, which provides most of the training opportunities for the Hospital's pediatric residency program.

Jacobson has been a member of the Phoenix Children's Medical Staff since 1983, specializing in general pediatrics, pediatric nephrology, and pediatric rehabilitation. He was one of five physicians who started the Hospital in the late 1970s. He has also held leadership positions at Barrows Neurological Institute and Maricopa County Hospital. Jacobson has been named five times to the *Best Doctors in America*® Database, a valued resource with approximately 40,000 of the best doctors in the United States, as chosen by their peers.

"Dr. Jacobson has demonstrated his deep commitment to this community, he has built many programs from the ground up, and he is an outstanding physician, so we're delighted to have him take on this leadership position," said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's.

In his new role, Jacobson will be charged with building the Hospital's General Pediatrics clinic, which provides a variety of health services for infants, children, and adolescents. The clinic is an important teaching ground for physicians in the Hospital's pediatric residency program, who are required to treat a certain number of patients before they are allowed to practice as pediatric specialists.

"It's been an honor to work with Phoenix Children's all these years, and now I am even more proud to help provide the best training possible to the pediatricians of tomorrow," Jacobson said.

Jacobson is a graduate of the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland, Ore. He completed his internship in pediatrics at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ and his residency in pediatrics at the Naval Medical Center (Naval Hospital), San Diego, CA. Jacobson began his career in Hawaii, where he served as Chief of Pediatrics at the Naval Regional Medical Clinic in Pearl Harbor and worked at the Tripler Army Hospital, University of Hawaii Medical School, and the local Children's Hospital.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the state practices 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, visit the Hospital's web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of Jacobson is attached.

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