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**Tom McConahay, MD, joins Pediatric Emergency Department  
at Phoenix Children's**

*Native Arizonan graduated from Hospital's fellowship program*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Sept. 14, 2007) – Tom McConahay, MD, a native of Arizona and graduate of Phoenix Children's fellowship program in emergency medicine, has joined the Hospital's Emergency Department staff. The added expertise will be welcome; the emergency room staff had more than 56,000 visits last year alone and expect even more patients this year.

"Taking care of kids in an emergency setting requires an entirely different set of skills, knowledge, and instincts than working in a regular emergency room. Tom excelled in his training with us, so we are proud to have him join our team of highly specialized physicians in the E.R.," said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's.

McConahay, who lives in Chandler, earned his medical degree at the University of Arizona College of Medicine before completing his residency with the Phoenix Children's Hospital/Maricopa Medical Center Pediatric Residency Program. He is the latest addition to Phoenix Children's team of emergency medicine providers as the Hospital prepares to staff its urgent care network and the anticipated trauma program.

"I'm especially excited about the Hospital's plans to bring high-quality pediatric urgent care to locations throughout the Valley," McConahay said.

The Phoenix Children's Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department is the first emergency department exclusively for kids in Arizona. Providing state of the art emergency care 24/7, all of the full-time physicians are Pediatric Emergency Medicine trained specialists and come from leading U.S. and Canadian children's hospitals. Nursing staff have unequalled pediatric emergency experience and expertise. The 30-bed Emergency Department includes an eight-bed private observation area, a separate six-bed fast track area where non-urgent patients can be seen, two trauma/resuscitation rooms and a 14-bed acute treatment center.

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 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, visit the Hospital's Web site at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).

**EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of McConahay is attached.**

