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Tamara Pottker, MD, Joins Phoenix Children's Emergency Medicine Team

Pediatric emergency specialists treated more than 56,000 children last year

PHOENIX, Ariz. (April 16, 2007) – Tamara Pottker, MD, has joined Phoenix Children's Pediatric Emergency Department (ED), the most established emergency room exclusively for kids in Arizona. The ED opened its doors in 2002 when Phoenix Children's relocated to its current campus on Thomas Road. In the last five years, the ED has grown to a team of nearly 30 physicians and nurse practitioners that treated more than 56,000 children last year.

“Children have vastly different needs in the emergency room, from smaller sized catheters to a specialist who can zero in on pain in a child who is too scared to talk,” said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's. “There is a huge need for this specialty service in the Valley, so we continue to build our program by adding experts like Dr. Pottker.”

Pottker, a resident of Scottsdale, has been practicing pediatric emergency medicine since 1996. She earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, before going on to complete her internship and residency in pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. She finished her training with a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Cincinnati Children's. Pottker is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

In addition to her Emergency Medicine duties, Pottker will contribute to the Hospital's new Forensic Pediatrics team that treats victims of child abuse and neglect.

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Providing state-of-the-art emergency care all day, every day, the team of emergency medicine specialists at Phoenix Children's includes physicians who are all Pediatric Emergency Medicine trained and come from leading U.S. and Canadian children's hospitals. The nursing staff also has 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 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, visit the Hospital's Web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.