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**Richard Towbin, MD, joins Phoenix Children's as Division Chief of Radiology**

*Internationally renowned pediatric radiologist has led radiology departments at other top children's hospitals*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Nov. 13, 2007) – Richard Towbin, MD, an internationally renowned pediatric radiologist, has joined Phoenix Children's as the Division Chief of Radiology. During his 27 year career, Towbin has served as a professor, researcher, and leader at some of the country's most renowned children's hospitals including Children's Hospitals of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Michigan and Cincinnati.

Towbin, an avid researcher and teacher who has invented and patented four medical devices, has been named to the *Best Doctors in America® Database*. He is a respected member of numerous professional associations and has held several leadership positions including President of the Society for Pediatric Radiology and Treasurer of the Society of Interventional Radiology.

"Dr. Towbin is arguably the top interventional radiologist in the world, and he knows how to run a world-class pediatric radiology department, so we are excited he's agreed to be part of our growing team," said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's.

In his new role, Towbin hopes to grow Phoenix Children's radiology program by focusing on patient care and service. He also plans on continuing the development of the excellent body imaging service and establishing full time, Hospital-based services of Neuroradiology and Interventional Radiology— two cutting edge fields in pediatric radiology.

"I am excited about becoming a member of such a great team. I look forward to the next few years and feel that this will be period of substantial growth and development of the entire Phoenix Children's system. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of it," Towbin said.

Towbin earned his medical degree at University of Cincinnati before completing residencies at Los Angeles Children's Hospital (Pediatrics), University of Cincinnati (Radiology), and Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio (Pediatric Radiology). He completed a Pediatric Radiology fellowship at the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. In addition to chairing the pediatric radiology departments at several leading children's hospitals, Towbin has also held teaching and leadership positions in the medical schools at University of Cincinnati, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University, and University of Pittsburgh.

The radiology department at Phoenix Children's is staffed by fellowship-trained Pediatric Radiologists, Pediatric Nurses, and Technologists who are trained and experienced in pediatric procedures, ensuring the special attention that children need and resulting in faster and more accurate test results. In addition, our state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment has special pediatric features and includes a full range of diagnostic imaging and interventional radiology services adjusted for safe use by infants, children and adolescents. This includes x-rays, CT scans, ultrasounds, MRIs, fluoroscopy, and nuclear medicine.

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](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).

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

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