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Jeffrey M. Vaughn, DO, joins Center for Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Physician represents the only pediatric-trained sports medicine specialist in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Oct. 2, 2008) – Jeffrey M. Vaughn, DO, a sports medicine trained pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, has joined Phoenix Children's Hospital's expanding Center for Pediatric Orthopaedics. He joins the department's list of talented doctors that includes Lee S. Segal, MD, Phoenix Children's Herbert J. Louis, MD, Endowed Chair and Division Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery, who is guiding the growth of the Hospital's in-house pediatric orthopaedic program.

"Dr. Vaughn's arrival at Phoenix Children's marks the beginning of the state's only sports medicine program that focuses solely on the pediatric population," says Bob Meyer, president and CEO of the Hospital. "In a state where youth sports and outdoor activities are growing in popularity along with the children's population, there is a tremendous need for the dedicated pediatric sports medicine care Dr. Vaughn provides.

In growing children, injuries and medical problems in the bones, growth plates, muscles, ligaments, tendons, and joints are often quite different from conditions more commonly seen in older patients. Special training and experience in pediatric sports medicine allows specialists like Vaughn to appropriately treat the unique sports-related medical needs of children and teens.

"More and more children are exposing their bodies to higher, repetitive stresses without allowing an adequate period for recovery and this has led to an increase in the number and types of injuries we are seeing in young athletes," Vaughn says. "Phoenix Children's Hospital is a great organization to be a part of, and as we build on the talents of Dr. Lee Segal and Dr. Greg White, we're establishing a pediatric orthopedic department that offers complete, specialized care to the pediatric orthopedic patients throughout the Southwest."

Vaughn received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Mo., and went on to complete his internship at Memorial Hospital, York, Pa. He also completed an orthopaedic surgery residency,

which allowed him to train again at Memorial Hospital, York Hospital, Pa., Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md. To complete his sub-specialty training, Vaughn finished a pediatric/adolescent sports medicine and arthroscopy fellowship at Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

Phoenix Children's is dedicated to offering the most comprehensive and state of the art care for children's orthopaedic and musculoskeletal disorders. The Hospital is a statewide referral center for pediatric and adolescent bone and joint problems. Additionally, Phoenix Children's will grow existing programs in pediatric hip conditions and musculoskeletal tumors and add services in trauma, sports medicine, and upper extremity conditions. Medical staff from the Center for Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery also provide important on-call support to the Hospital's Level I Trauma Center, the only facility of its kind in the state of Arizona exclusively for children.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's only licensed children's hospital, providing world-class care in more than 40 pediatric specialties to our state's sickest kids. Though Phoenix Children's is one of the 10 largest freestanding children's hospitals in the country, rapid population growth in Arizona means the Hospital must grow as well. Phoenix Children's recently announced a \$588 million expansion plan to bring its special brand of family centered care to even more patients and families. The plan includes a significant upgrade of the Hospital's current campus, an aggressive physician recruitment effort, and new satellite centers in high growth areas of the Valley. For more information, visit the Hospital's Web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.

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

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