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You asked and we listened - expanded Radiology hours



Phoenix Children's Radiology department has extended its hours of service and now offers **routine scheduled appointments for Hospital inpatients on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon**. These slots are for inpatients so their care and discharge can be more efficiently planned and implemented. In the near future, **plans are to further expand the hours and services to include outpatients**.

The Hospital's radiologists also continue to provide **MRI services at Phoenix Children's Specialty and Urgent Care - East Valley Center** on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Procedures can be ordered under general anesthesia as well as routine.

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Making a Difference for Arizona's Children

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One of the best opportunities to bloom out of our new Parent Action Committee is the chance to meet the men and women involved with some of Arizona's support groups. Whether it's attending a group meeting to present the PAC's work and the Hospital's expansion or hosting a gathering here on the Phoenix Children's campus, **we've been able to connect with active parents in our community - and help them connect to each other.**



For example, Phoenix Children's recently lent our conference room to the Prader Willi Syndrome Association- Arizona Chapter so they could view a webinar from their national association. Jenny Gibbons, mother to 20-month-old Ella who has Prader Willi syndrome, wrote after the meeting, "We were thrilled to reach people we were previously unaware of. The information that our national support group presented was useful and timely. I believe many of our families received great benefit. We couldn't be happier with how well this went. Thank you and all of your team who made this happen for us!"

Would you like a representative from the Parent Action Committee to visit your next support group meeting? Can we help spread the word about an upcoming event? Send us an email at pchpac@phoenixchildrens.com or write on our Facebook wall at www.facebook.com/ParentActionCommittee. We'd love to hear from you.

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month

There are **more than 300,000 American school children who suffer from epilepsy. Another 45,000 will develop the condition this year**, and for the vast majority of newly diagnosed patients, there is no immediately identifying apparent cause. It can be a terrifying and emotionally traumatic experience for the entire family - which is why the Children's Neuroscience Institute (CNI) at Phoenix Children's Hospital developed the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program to give compassionate, expert care for all seizure disorders.

"Epilepsy is one of the more common neurological conditions in children," says Dr. Jeffrey Buchhalter, who leads the CNI epilepsy program, says. But to this day, many people mistakenly believe the condition is a form of mental or psychological illness. **The truth is that epilepsy is a medical condition**, and children who suffer from epilepsy sometimes have brief, but very strong, electrical surges in the brain. When this happens, the result is a seizure, which can affect different mental and physical functions - or even lead to convulsions and



Khan!

Phoenix Fire Chief Bob Khan wrote a guest column in the *Phoenix Republic* praising Phoenix Children's Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center and its recent verification from the American College of Surgeons. To learn why the verification means better outcomes for kids, [watch this video featuring Dr. David Notrica, our Trauma Medical Director](#).

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loss of consciousness.

Since the CNI epilepsy program is the **only one in this region to offer all the ingredients for state-of-the-art pediatric epilepsy care**, "we have the ability to personalize the care for each of these children with the safest, most effective treatment possible."

"Most instances of pediatric epilepsy may be successfully treated with medication, however, the ketogenic diet, vagus nerve stimulator, and surgery are sometimes necessary to improve or eliminate the possibility of a seizure," says P. David Adelson, MD, director of CNI. **"We provide all of these options and work with each family to find the most optimal treatment plan for their individual needs.** Above all, we want to help children and their parents reclaim their quality of life and peace of mind."

To learn more about the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program at CNI, please visit www.phoenixchildrens.com/cni.

Congrats to PCH Board Chairman David Cavazos, the new City Manager of Phoenix



On Oct. 26, the Phoenix City Council named **David Cavazos, the Board Chairman for Phoenix Children's Hospital, as their new city manager**. Cavazos, who formerly served as a Deputy City Manager for the City, replaces longtime City Manager Frank Fairbanks on Friday, Nov. 6.

Cavazos has served on the Phoenix Children's Board of Directors since 2004. In that time, he has taken on the additional roles of Board Treasurer and Vice Chairman, and this year, was elected by his peers to be the Chairman of the Board.

Cavazos has donated many years of leadership and expertise to Phoenix Children's. He has done so during a time filled with opportunities and challenges. Through it all, he has shown flexibility, commitment to our organization, and a sincere dedication to the children of this Valley.

Phoenix Children's congratulates David Cavazos on being selected as City Manager and wishes him all the best!

Thank you for all of your help as we work together to speak up every day for Arizona's children!

Sincerely,

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