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Children's Hospital Names Residency Program Director

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Dr. Debra Cohen has been selected to serve as pediatric residency program director for The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart.

Dr. Cohen has practiced pediatric hematology/oncology at The Children's Hospital since October 2017. She came to Pensacola having served as director of the pediatric sickle cell transition program and interim director of the pediatric sickle cell program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she received numerous awards for patient experience and satisfaction. She was formerly an assistant professor of hematology/oncology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Cohen is fellowship-trained and board-certified in pediatric hematology/oncology. She graduated with dual majors in business and psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, and she received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She completed her residency training in pediatrics and fellowship training in pediatric hematology/oncology at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where she received Northwestern University's Residency Teaching Award. She completed her training at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Cohen has been the principal investigator on multiple grants and pharmaceutical studies for sickle cell disease and its management, and she has presented her research at a number of professional conferences. Dr. Cohen has been a member of the Children's Oncology Group, the American Society of Hematology, the American Balint Society and the Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research.

Sacred Heart's pediatric residency program is affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine. As Northwest Florida's only pediatric residency program, Sacred Heart stays on the leading edge of health research and provides the latest treatment options, including those for rare conditions.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that serves as the only children's hospital in Northwest Florida. The Children's Hospital offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 30 pediatric specialties. The Children's Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. Sacred Heart Health System is a member of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system. For more information about the services available at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit www.sacred-heart.org/childrenshospital.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals in Florida and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

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