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Pediatric orthopedic surgeon joins Sacred Heart, University of Florida Health

PENSACOLA, Fla. — [Pediatric orthopedic surgeon Tracy J. Roberts, MD](#), has joined the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine, which is affiliated with The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart. Beginning in June, Dr. Roberts will see patients in The Children's Hospital and in her outpatient offices, located at [4541 N. Davis Highway](#) in Pensacola and at [36500 Emerald Coast Parkway](#) in Miramar Beach.

As a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Roberts diagnoses and treats injuries, including fractures and trauma cases, as well as birth defects, such as clubfoot, torticollis, in-toeing, bowlegs, knock-knees, flatfeet, out-toeing and scoliosis. She has a special interest in trauma and disorders of the foot and ankle. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Roberts or other [pediatric specialists](#) at Sacred Heart, call 850-416-1575 or visit sacredheartmedicalgroup.com.

Dr. Roberts graduated from the UF College of Medicine in Gainesville. She completed her residency training in orthopedic surgery at UF Health Jacksonville, followed by a fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery and scoliosis at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. Roberts comes to Pensacola from Shriners Hospitals for Children, where she served as secretary of the Medical Executive Committee and represented Shriners Hospitals on the board of the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative. Prior to her position with Shriners Hospital, she was responsible for establishing a pediatric orthopaedic program at a Level 1 trauma center, in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Roberts is board certified and a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America and the Florida Orthopaedic Society. She enjoys mission work and has served on medical mission trips to Jamaica and Panama. She has given numerous professional presentations, including to the University of South Florida Pediatric Conference, the Florida Orthopaedic Society Annual Scientific Meeting and the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting.

In 2017, Sacred Heart formed an affiliation with UF Health to provide an expanded range of specialized pediatric care. Since then, UF and Sacred Heart together have hired 23 physician specialists, providing care in pediatric cardiology, pediatric endocrinology, pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric hematology/oncology, pediatric infectious diseases, pediatric nephrology, pediatric orthopedic surgery, pediatric otolaryngology, pediatric pulmonology, pediatric surgery and pediatric urology.

UF Health Shands Children's Hospital is recognized among the nation's best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report in six pediatric medical specialties. In addition to pediatric specialty care, Sacred Heart

and UF Health have collaborated to launch a new kidney transplant program to benefit the thousands of individuals across the Southeast awaiting a lifesaving transplant. Sacred Heart's pediatric and OB/GYN physician residency programs are also affiliated with the UF College of Medicine.

The expansion of pediatric specialty services coincides with the start of construction at Sacred Heart of a new four-story children's hospital. The hospital will be connected to the front of the existing children's hospital and will include a pediatric emergency room and trauma center, new procedure rooms dedicated to pediatric surgery, an expanded neonatal intensive care unit, a pediatric oncology unit, a medical/surgical unit, observation beds and a pediatric rehabilitation gym.

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

On the Gulf Coast, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola, Fla. and Providence Hospital and Providence Medical Group based in Mobile, Ala. Together, these Ascension healthcare facilities have served Gulf Coast communities for more than 160 years and they employ more than 6,600 associates. Across the region, Ascension provided more than \$113 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in fiscal year 2016. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more on Sacred Heart Health System, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

About University of Florida Health

UF Health is the Southeast's most comprehensive academic health center. With main campuses in Gainesville and Jacksonville, UF Health includes six health colleges, eight research institutes and centers, two teaching hospitals, six specialty hospitals and a host of physician medical practices and outpatient services throughout North Central and Northeast Florida. Its mission is to promote health through outstanding and high-quality patient care, innovative and rigorous education in the health professions and biomedical sciences, and high-impact research across the spectrum of basic, translational and clinical investigation.

UF Health includes the UF colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Health Professions, and Veterinary Medicine, which has both a large animal hospital and a small animal hospital. The system also encompasses several UF research institutes and centers. The full spectrum of patient-care services are provided through UF Health Shands Hospital and UF Health Jacksonville, UF's

private, not-for-profit affiliates. UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville includes UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital, the UF Health Heart & Vascular Hospital and the UF Health Neuromedicine Hospital. Two additional specialty hospitals, UF Health Shands Rehab Hospital and UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital, are also in Gainesville. UF Health Jacksonville and UF Health North Hospital are the system's Northeast Florida hospitals. UF Health offers a network of outpatient rehabilitation centers, two home health agencies in Gainesville and Jacksonville, and more than 100 UF physician outpatient practices throughout North Central and Northeast Florida.

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