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Pediatric hematologist/oncologist joins Sacred Heart, University of Florida Health

PENSACOLA, Fla. — [Pediatric hematologist/oncologist Eryln Smith, 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. Dr. Smith will see patients in The Children's Hospital and in her outpatient office, located in Sacred Heart's Medical Office Building at 5153 N. Ninth Ave. in Pensacola.

As a pediatric hematologist/oncologist, Dr. Smith diagnoses and treats children with cancer and blood disorders. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Smith or other [pediatric specialists](#) at Sacred Heart, call 850-416-1575 or visit sacredheartmedicalgroup.com.

Dr. Smith graduated cum laude with her bachelor's degree in neurosciences from the University of California Los Angeles, and she received her medical degree from the Chicago Medical School at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, where she was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed her residency training in pediatrics followed by a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Children's Hospital of Orange County in California.

Dr. Smith comes to Pensacola from Banner Children's Specialists Hematology and Oncology and Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona, where she served as the principal investigator for the Children's Oncology Group's clinical trials and co-chair of the pediatric hematology/oncology quality and safety committee. She was also named a clinical assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, and she was named Banner Health's Physician of the Month in February 2018.

Dr. Smith is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology, and she is a member of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology and the American Society of Hematology. Her research has been published in medical journals, including The Cancer Journal and the surgery section for the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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 25 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 palliative care, 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, OB/GYN and internal medicine 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 studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 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 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information 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 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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