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## **Pediatric endocrinologist joins Sacred Heart, University of Florida Health**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — Pediatric endocrinologist [Martina Drawdy, 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. Drawdy will see patients full-time in Northwest Florida at The Children's Hospital and in her outpatient office, located at 5375 N. Ninth Ave. on Sacred Heart's Pensacola campus.

As a pediatric endocrinologist, Drawdy diagnoses and treats problems with growth, puberty, diabetes and other disorders related to hormones and the glands that produce them. To schedule an appointment with Drawdy or other pediatric specialists at Sacred Heart, call 850-416-1575 or visit [StuderFamilyChildrensHospital.com](http://StuderFamilyChildrensHospital.com).

Drawdy is fellowship-trained and board-certified in pediatric endocrinology. She graduated with her medical degree from Charles University in Prague, the Czech Republic, and she completed her pediatric residency training at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. Drawdy completed a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Drawdy has 14 years of pediatrics experience. She comes to Pensacola from the University of Vermont College of Medicine, where she was an attending pediatric endocrinologist, as well as an assistant professor of pediatrics.

Drawdy is a member of the Pediatric Endocrine Society and the Endocrine Society. She has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of Pediatrics and the Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism.

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 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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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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