Pediatric neurologist joins Children's Hospital, University of Florida Health

PENSACOLA, Fla. (October 14, 2020) — Pediatric neurologist Randy Williamson, MD, has joined the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine, which is affiliated with the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart. Dr. Williamson will see patients full time in the Children's Hospital and in his new outpatient office, 5153 N. Ninth Ave., on the Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola campus.

As a pediatric neurologist, Dr. Williamson diagnoses and treats disorders that affect the brain, spinal cord, muscle and nerves. His special interest is epilepsy. Dr. Williamson is dedicated to providing children with high-quality, compassionate care, and he has extensive experience in neurological diagnosis, treatment and patient care. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Williamson or other UF Health pediatric specialists at Ascension Sacred Heart, call 850-416-1575.

Dr. Williamson is a fellowship-trained pediatric neurologist. He graduated summa cum laude with his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tennessee State University in Nashville, and he received his medical degree from Central America Health Science University Belize Medical College in Belize City, Belize. He completed his internship and pediatric residency training at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. He then completed two fellowships - one in pediatric neurology, and one in pediatric epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology - at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Williamson is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with special qualifications in child neurology and epilepsy. Dr. Williamson has served as a faculty member in pediatric neurology and epilepsy at Vanderbilt University and Children's Hospital of Arkansas. He has presented his research at the American Epilepsy Society, and he was an active volunteer of the Epilepsy Foundation of Central and South Texas. Dr. Williamson comes to Pensacola from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, where he served as director of the division of child neurology.

Through its affiliation with UF Health, the Children's Hospital provides specialized pediatric care for children across 14 pediatric subspecialties. To find a doctor, call 850-416-1575 or visit studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

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

As Northwest Florida's only children's hospital, the Studer Family Children's Hospital includes a pediatric emergency department, Level III neonatal intensive care unit, medical/surgical beds, observation beds, a pediatric imaging department, pharmacy, inpatient rehabilitation gym, child life playrooms, outpatient lab services and a new family-friendly dining venue. More than 120 pediatric doctors serve on the children's hospital's medical staff, caring for kids across 30 pediatric specialties. For more information, visit studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Ascension Sacred Heart
In Florida, Ascension operates Ascension Sacred Heart based in Pensacola and Ascension St. Vincent's based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension Florida operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and employs more than 11,000 associates. Across the region, Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2019, they provided nearly $180 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 one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., 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 150,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 150 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 20 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Ascension Sacred Heart, visit healthcare.ascension.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, nine research institutes and centers, two teaching hospitals, eightsix specialty hospitals and a host of physician medical practices and outpatient services throughout North Central Florida, Central Florida 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. AThe 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 Central Florida includes UF Health The Villages® Hospital and UF Health Leesburg Hospital. UF Health offers a network of outpatient rehabilitation centers, two home health agencies in Gainesville and Jacksonville, and more than 1500 UF physician outpatient practices throughout North Central, Central and Northeast Florida.

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