

## Pediatric nephrologist joins Children's Hospital, University of Florida Health

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** (Nov. 2, 2020) — [Pediatric nephrologist Joshua Zaritsky, MD, Ph.D.](#), 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. Zaritsky will see patients 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 nephrologist – or kidney doctor – Dr. Zaritsky diagnoses and treats issues such as kidney stones, kidney disease, kidney failure, high blood pressure, renal insufficiency, urinary tract disease and bladder problems. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Zaritsky or other UF Health pediatric specialists at Ascension Sacred Heart, call 850-416-2280.

Dr. Zaritsky is a fellowship-trained pediatric nephrologist with more than 15 years of experience. He received his medical degree and doctorate from the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California. He received his pediatric internship and residency training at Denver Children's Hospital. Dr. Zaritsky completed a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine, where he went on to become an assistant professor.

Dr. Zaritsky comes to the Children's Hospital from serving as chief of pediatric nephrology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He has authored over 50 peer-reviewed journals and 10 book chapters. Dr. Zaritsky graduated from the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology's leadership development program, and he has served as an associate editor for "Pediatric Nephrology: Frontiers in Pediatrics." He is a fellow of the American Society of Nephrology, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Kidney Foundation. He is a member of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the International Pediatric Nephrology Association, the International Society of Nephrology and the Society for Pediatric Research. Dr. Zaritsky has received many awards, including being named one of Philadelphia Magazine's Top Doctors for the last three years.

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](http://studerfamilychildrenshospital.com).

UF Health Shands Children's Hospital is recognized among the nation's best hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, within three nationally ranked pediatric medical specialties. In addition to pediatric specialty care, Ascension Sacred Heart and UF Health collaborate on a kidney transplant program to benefit the thousands of individuals across the Southeast awaiting a lifesaving transplant. Ascension

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](http://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](http://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](http://healthcare.ascension.org).

### **About University of Florida Health**

UF Health is a world-class academic health center that combines leading-edge research at campuses around Florida with outstanding clinical care at a network of hospitals around the state. The flagship is UF Health Shands Hospital, ranked the No. 1 hospital in Florida in the 2020-21 U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals survey, with nine adult and three pediatric specialties in the top 50 in the nation, more than any other hospital in Florida.

With main campuses in Gainesville and Jacksonville as well as satellite sites in Central Florida and several other locations, UF Health provides exemplary health care to patients across the third-most populous state in the nation. UF Health consists of six health colleges, nine research centers and institutes, 10 hospitals — including two teaching hospitals and five specialty hospitals — and a host of physician medical practices and outpatient services.

The backbone of UF Health is a talented and dedicated workforce of more than 33,000 people who provide lifesaving care and research breakthroughs for more than 3 million patients who come to UF Health each year from around the U.S. and more than 30 countries.

UF Health is committed to improving lives and health through a variety of community-based programs and activities. As part of the state's "safety-net" hospital system, caring for people who have little or no medical coverage, UF Health provided more than \$254.9 million in unsupported charity care and social responsibility across its Gainesville and Jacksonville campuses in fiscal year 2019. Annually, UF Health contributes more than \$4.6 billion to Florida's overall economy.

Our 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. Visit [www.UFHealth.org](http://www.UFHealth.org) to learn more.

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