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Ascension St. John Children's Hospital and Wayne Pediatrics Join Forces to Bolster Pediatric Services for Metro Detroit Families

The collaborative supports residency training, physician recruitment and patient services

WARREN, MI – Through a new collaboration, Ascension St. John Children's Hospital is now the designated inpatient care site for pediatric patients from Wayne Pediatrics, the pediatrics department of the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

With the new relationship, patients have increased access to board-certified specialists representing an array of pediatric services, including rheumatology, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS in children and young adults, endocrinology, immunology, nephrology, adolescent medicine and general pediatrics.

"We're thrilled to combine our resources and align with Wayne Pediatrics and Wayne State University School of Medicine to offer world-class care, while also creating an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research and training the next generation of clinicians and researchers," said Michael Wiemann, M.D., president of Ascension Medical Group.

In addition to meeting patients' needs, Ascension St. John Children's Hospital residents will have the opportunity to complement their training by participating in clinical rotations with Wayne Pediatrics faculty. The affiliation will also increase physician career opportunities and academic faculty.

"In addition to expanded research, integration and coordination of services, this collaboration widens the scope of pediatric specialty care available to families from experts dedicated to providing excellent health outcomes for Michigan's children," said Herman Gray, M.D., chair of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics. "We are excited to

partner with Ascension St. John Children’s Hospital, allowing Wayne Pediatrics to positively impact the lives of more children.”

“This new alliance increases access to high quality pediatric care,” said Marcus DeGraw, M.D., chief of pediatrics at Ascension St. John Hospital. “We look forward to working with Wayne Pediatrics and providing the type of care our patients know and trust.”

Ascension Michigan

In Michigan, Ascension operates 16 hospitals and hundreds of related health care facilities that together employ more than 23,000 associates. Across the state, Ascension provided more than \$311 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in FY2020. Serving Michigan for more than 140 years, Ascension is a faith-based health care organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care.

As the largest non-profit and Catholic health system in the United States., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2020, Ascension provided \$2.4 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes more than 160,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 145 hospitals and more than 40 senior living facilities – in 19 states and the District of Columbia, while providing a variety of services, including clinical and network services, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, risk management and contracting through Ascension’s own group purchasing organization.

Wayne Pediatrics

Wayne Pediatrics, home to Wayne State University Department of Pediatrics faculty physicians, is Detroit’s medical practice for children. Wayne Pediatrics is committed to serving metropolitan Detroit children by providing exceptional general and specialty pediatric care, integrating the teaching of future physicians, research, and community service and engagement. Wayne Pediatrics is affiliated with the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

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