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JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER AND MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO PARTNER
Enhancing Patient Access to World-Class Pediatric Care

JUPITER, Fla. – Jupiter Medical Center (JMC) and Miami Children's Hospital (MCH) today announced a partnership to make Miami Children's Hospital the pediatric partner for Jupiter Medical Center. The partnership will take shape in two phases over the next two years. By working together, Jupiter Medical Center and Miami Children's Hospital are enhancing the world-class pediatric clinical services and programs currently offered to the community at the Miami Children's Hospital Nicklaus Outpatient Center in Palm Beach Gardens and in the private pediatric practices throughout the county.

"Miami Children's Hospital is pleased to partner with Jupiter Medical Center as part of our commitment to be where the children are in South Florida. This new affiliation with Jupiter Medical Center – a leader in adult healthcare quality and service excellence – builds on the vision of the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation to expand access for children and families in need of specialized care and assessment," said M. Narendra Kini, MD, MHA, President and CEO of Miami Children's Hospital.

"Jupiter Medical Center and Miami Children's Hospital are very similar institutions – we have similar cultures, similar values and beliefs, and a similar dedication to provide world-class quality and excellent patient care," said John Couris, President and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center. "Together, through our partnership with Miami Children's Hospital, we can bridge the gap from world-class adult healthcare, to world-class pediatric healthcare, where our entire community benefits."

The first phase of the partnership, which will be implemented over the next six months, includes implementing telehealth technology in Jupiter Medical Center's Emergency Department. Telehealth will allow Miami Children's Hospital physicians to interact with Jupiter Medical Center's physicians and patients remotely, giving them the ability to review images, lab results, and capture vital assessment information in real time. Future plans include the addition of a rotation of Miami Children's Hospital Pediatric Emergency Physicians onsite in Jupiter Medical Center's Emergency Room, as well.

In addition to telehealth, plans include partnering on Jupiter Medical Center's Urgent Care Center, offering adult and pediatric care urgent care at JMC's Jupiter facility. The organizations will combine their pediatric therapy programs, housing the program at the MCH Nicklaus Outpatient Center. The organizations will also partner on pediatric imaging services, as well as outpatient surgical procedures in ENT and urology.

The second phase of the partnership will focus on implementing a Level 2 NICU and an inpatient pediatric wing at Jupiter Medical Center.

About Jupiter Medical Center

A not-for-profit 283-bed regional medical center consisting of 163 private acute care hospital beds and 120 long-term care, sub-acute rehabilitation and Hospice beds, Jupiter Medical Center provides a broad

range of services with specialty concentrations in oncology, imaging, orthopedics & spine, digestive health, emergency services, lung & thoracic, women's health, weight management and men's health. Founded in 1979, the Medical Center has approximately 1,500 team members, 520 physicians and 700 volunteers. Jupiter Medical Center is the recipient of the HealthGrades 'America's 50 Best' Award™ for three years in a row (2011-2013) and the Distinguished Hospital Award - Clinical Excellence™ for nine years in a row (2005-2013). For more information on Jupiter Medical Center, please call (561) 263-2234 or visit www.jupitermed.com.

About Miami Children's Hospital

Founded in 1950 by Variety Clubs International, Miami Children's Hospital® is South Florida's only licensed specialty hospital exclusively for children, with more than 650 attending physicians and over 130 pediatric sub-specialists. The 289-bed hospital is renowned for excellence in all aspects of pediatric medicine. In fact, it is the only hospital in Florida to be ranked in all 10 pediatric specialties assessed by U.S. News & World Report in its annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings for three consecutive years, 2011, 2012 and 2013-14. The hospital is also home to the largest pediatric teaching program in the southeastern United States and has been designated an American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet facility, the nursing profession's most prestigious institutional honor.

About the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation

The Nicklaus family founded the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation in 2004 for a simple reason: to help kids in the community where the family has lived and worked for decades. The Foundation has grown from a vision to reality, providing charitable services for children's health care. The Foundation's mission is to provide access to world-class health care for all children and support innovative programs focused on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of childhood illness. In 2010, the Miami Children's Hospital Nicklaus Care Center opened in Loxahatchee offering an array of sub-specialty services for children with special needs. The Foundation's most recent project was the opening of the Miami Children's Hospital Nicklaus Outpatient Center in Palm Beach Gardens which provides pediatric rehabilitative services, diagnostics, imaging, sub-specialty physician services and after-hours urgent care.

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