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Cook Children's Joins Partnership to Enhance Neonatal Care in West Texas

Midland, Texas – Cook Children's Health Care System is collaborating with Covenant Children's Hospital and Pediatrix Medical Group to expand access to neonatal care at Midland Memorial Hospital (MMH).

"The alignment of quality health care organizations combines the services and compassionate care of MMH with the experience, specialty expertise and dedicated physicians to care for our tiniest patients," said Stephen Bowerman, President of Midland Health. "We see this as a key step in advancing neonatal care to the next level for greater Midland."

"We are excited this venture allows us to expand our valued partnership with Cook Children's and renew our partnership with Covenant Children's," said Mike Dwyer, M.D., Market President for Pediatrix Medical Group. "For more than 20 years, we have collaborated to provide the highest quality neonatal care for the most vulnerable infants in West Texas. We look forward to extending these services to Midland to ensure families of critically-ill and preterm babies have access to the specialized care they need."

The collaboration allows the community of Midland and surrounding areas to maintain complete confidence in the quality of care for all infants needing NICU services at Midland Memorial Hospital and enhances access to a higher level of care if the need arises.

"Since 2018, Covenant Children's and Cook Children's have collaborated to provide the highest quality of care to families in West Texas," said Rick W. Merrill, President and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System. "We are pleased that our unique partnership, which is built on the desire to improve the health of children, has been so successful and that we are able to expand it to serve the neonatal services needs of Midland Memorial."

"The partnership between Cook Children's and Covenant Children's has benefitted our patients by providing them with exceptional quality cardiovascular and neurological care," Covenant Children's CEO Amy Thompson, M.D., said "Now we have been given the opportunity to expand that partnership by teaming up with Midland Memorial Hospital to provide the highest level of NICU services to families all over West Texas, while keeping them close to home. We are proud to see hospitals across the state coming together to provide the best health care services to Texas kids."

The partnership will begin September 3, 2022.

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About Midland Health

Midland Health is system of healthcare providers in Midland, Texas, with Midland Memorial Hospital at the center of their operations. Since 1950, Midland Memorial Hospital has exemplified excellence in patient care, medical education and community service. The mission and vision to lead healthcare for greater Midland and make Midland the healthiest community in Texas was established with the creation of Midland Health in 2014, expanding the healthcare footprint and impact through a coordinated system of providers. As Midland Memorial Hospital, a not-for-profit entity, drives much of the work, the guiding principles behind Midland Health show a commitment to improving the community by reinvesting volunteered time and finances into the health of west Texas.

To learn more about Midland Health, visit midlandhealth.org.

About Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc.

Pediatrix® Medical Group, Inc. (NYSE:MD) is the nation's leading provider of physician services. Pediatrix-affiliated clinicians are committed to providing coordinated, compassionate and clinically excellent services to women, babies and children across the continuum of care, both in hospital settings and office-based practices. Specialties include obstetrics, maternal-fetal medicine and neonatology complemented by more than 20 pediatric subspecialties, as well as a newly expanded area of pediatric primary and urgent care clinics. The group's high-quality, evidence-based care is bolstered by significant investments in research, education, quality-improvement and safety initiatives. The physician-led company was founded in 1979 as a single neonatology practice and today provides its highly specialized and often critical care services through more than 4,800 affiliated physicians and other clinicians in 37 states and Puerto Rico. To learn more about Pediatrix, visit www.pediatrix.com or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and the [Pediatrix blog](#). Investment information can be found at www.pediatrix.com/investors.

About Cook's Children's Health Care System

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring.

For more information, visit cookchildrens.org.

About Covenant Health

Covenant Children's is the only independently licensed, freestanding, children's hospital in West Texas and eastern New Mexico and is one of only eight members of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas and is the only one in our region.

As a faith-based health care system, it is Covenant Health's vision to create Health for a Better World. As the Best Hospital in the Panhandle Plains region as voted by U.S. News and World Report, Covenant Health has consistently provided exceptional health care to West Texas, and eastern New Mexico for more than 100 years. Our clinically integrated health network of eight hospitals, and more than 6,000 caregivers allows us to provide our patients with better access to care using more innovative technology and procedures, while focusing on new age approaches to health care like education and preventative medicine. To learn more about Covenant Health, please visit covenanthealth.org or our [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Twitter](#), pages.