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Pediatric neurosurgeon joins Akron Children's Hospital

AKRON, Ohio (January 27, 2010) – Pediatric neurosurgeon Roger Hudgins, MD, joins the medical staff at Akron Children's Hospital as division director of Neurosurgery and clinical director of the Neuroscience Center.

Dr. Hudgins comes to Akron Children's from Atlanta, where he served as chief medical officer for neurosciences and craniofacial surgery at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He also was the chief of pediatric neurosurgery and a clinical professor in neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine.

After earning his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Dr. Hudgins completed a medical internship in general surgery and a residency in neurological surgery at the University of Florida at Gainesville. He completed his fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at the University of California at San Francisco.

Dr. Hudgins will care for children and young adults who have epilepsy and other seizure disorders, brain tumors, spinal injuries, craniofacial disorders, or, who have suffered a head trauma. He will play a critical role in establishing a neuroscience center at Akron Children's and will begin a pediatric epilepsy surgery program.

Surgery is an option for children who have epilepsy that cannot be controlled by medicine. Surgery can possibly stop their seizures, get them off medication and improve their overall quality of life.

"This is an exciting time to be practicing medicine in the neurosciences," said Dr. Hudgins. "A variety of tools, techniques and treatments are in development and, in the next decade, we will have newer, more non-invasive ways of treating brain tumors. We will use MRI scans to better target tumors and will be able to place treatment particles into tumors using tiny incisions. I think this will lead to remarkable improvements in our ability to care for children who have neurological diseases."

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About Akron Children's Hospital

As the largest pediatric health care provider in northeast Ohio, the Akron Children's Hospital system cares for more than 500,000 children and adults each year. With 78 locations throughout the region including a 253-bed campus in downtown Akron as well as a 32-bed campus in Boardman, Akron Children's offers a full range of services, from well-child visits at our pediatrics offices to trauma and intensive care to treatment of rare and serious childhood disorders. Akron Children's Hospital has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission and Magnet Recognition Status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. To learn more, visit www.akronchildrens.org.