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## **New medical staff officers elected at Akron Children's Hospital**

**AKRON, Ohio (June 8, 2010)** – Sarah Friebert, MD, Jeffrey Hord, MD, and Douglas Hackenberg, MD, have been elected officers of the medical staff at Akron Children's Hospital, effective July 1.

Dr. Friebert, a pediatric hematologist/oncologist and director of the Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Center, will be the first woman president of Akron Children's medical staff.

Dr. Hord, a pediatric hematologist/oncologist and director of the Showers Family Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at Akron Children's, was elected vice president.

Dr. Hackenberg, a pediatrician with Children's Medical Group in Akron, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Akron Children's medical staff comprises physicians, dentists, podiatrists, psychologists and advanced practice nurses who have clinical privileges at Akron Children's. The medical staff plays a key role in the hospital's mission to treat and advocate for all children, as well as to provide continuing medical education for medical staff members, other health care professionals, residents, interns, medical students and nurses.

### **About Akron Children's**

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 more than 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](http://www.akronchildrens.org).