



National Jewish Health to Provide Pediatric Respiratory, Allergy and Immunology Services at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children

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DENVER, CO — National Jewish Health and Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center have announced an agreement for National Jewish Health *for Kids* to provide diagnostic and treatment services for children with respiratory, allergic and immune system disorders. Clinical services will be provided by the nationally-recognized National Jewish Health *for Kids* physicians, collaborating to provide care on site at the family-focused, full-service Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children.



"We are delighted to begin this relationship with Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children. At National Jewish Health *for Kids*, our pediatric programs bring together exemplary patient- and family-oriented care, education and research to meet the increasing needs of parents and their children for treatment of asthma, atopic dermatitis, food allergies, respiratory and immune disorders," said Erwin Gelfand, M.D., chairman, Department of Pediatrics at National Jewish Health. "This new relationship is an excellent way to extend the expertise of both of our organizations to help more children and families struggling with both acute and chronic diseases."

Reggie Washington, M.D., chief medical officer for HealthONE's Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, adds, "Our two organizations are completely aligned in our approach to treating the unique health care needs of children with particular emphasis on communication with parents and with the child's primary care physician. Adding the National Jewish Health *for Kids* expert pediatric specialists to our outreach activities throughout the Rocky Mountain Region also will bring clinical education on important pediatric conditions to communities we serve outside the Denver metro area."

The program will be comprehensive and collaborative, taking a multi-disciplinary approach to care and education. Programs for patients will include world-renowned diagnosis and treatment services in allergy, asthma, atopic dermatitis, food allergy, eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, respiratory, immune system disorders and immunodeficiency.

"This new relationship with National Jewish Health *for Kids* is a wonderful addition to the care our pediatric patients require—both in outpatient settings and for inpatient consultation. Working with a nationally recognized leader in respiratory, allergy and immunology care is a great opportunity to increase access for pediatric patients throughout the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children family of hospitals," said Maureen Tarrant, CEO of Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center and Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children.

"Both institutions are dedicated to bringing world-class physicians and caregivers together to provide compassionate, safe, quality care for their patients and programs making this relationship a natural fit," said Michael Salem, MD, CEO and president of National Jewish Health.

The new program is targeted to open in February 2015. National Jewish Health *for Kids* physicians will staff the new program at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children as well as provide "on-call" service for emergency and inpatient needs for HealthOne facilities needing pediatric consultations in these disease-related areas.

Outpatient services will be provided through Rocky Mountain Pediatric Respiratory and Allergy Care with National Jewish Health *for Kids* physicians.

Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children (RMHC) at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center is a family-focused children's hospital and the anchor facility for HealthONE's system of pediatric care. It is home to the majority of pediatric specialists and sub-specialists, providing the most complex care in the system. It also houses the region's largest Level IV neonatal intensive care unit, the most experienced high-risk maternal fetal program, and a specialized center for minimally invasive surgery for infants and children. To learn more visit www.RockyMountainHospitalforChildren.com.

HealthONE is the largest healthcare system in the metro Denver area with more than 10,000 employees. As part of the HealthONE family, The Medical Center of Aurora, North Suburban Medical Center, Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, Rose Medical Center, Sky Ridge Medical Center, Swedish Medical Center, and Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital work together to provide a higher level of care. In addition, our family of services includes five hospital outpatient provider emergency departments and numerous ambulatory surgery centers, occupational medicine & rehabilitation clinics, physician practices, radiation oncology centers, and AIRLIFE-DENVER, which provides critical care air and ground transportation across a 10-state region.

National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 121 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit the [media resources page](#).

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