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JACOB'S HOPE WELCOMES DR. ASHISH PATEL AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND PEDIATRIX MEDICAL GROUP AS NEONATOLOGY PROVIDER

MESA, ARIZONA - Jacob's Hope is delighted to announce significant changes in its medical leadership and neonatology services. Effective April 1st, Dr. Ashish Patel will assume the role of Medical Director, and Pediatrix Medical Group will take over as the neonatology provider.

Dr. Patel brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new position as Medical Director at Jacob's Hope. His dedication to providing exceptional care to infants and families is commendable, and we are confident that under his leadership, Jacob's Hope will continue to thrive and grow.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Patel as our new Medical Director," said Jo Jones, Executive Director of Jacob's Hope. "His passion for improving neonatal care and commitment to our mission make him the ideal candidate for this role. We look forward to working closely with Dr. Patel and his team as we continue to provide the highest quality of care to our little ones and their families."

In addition to welcoming Dr. Patel, Jacob's Hope is excited to announce its partnership with Pediatrix as the new neonatology provider. Pediatrix is renowned for its excellence in neonatal care, and we are confident that their expertise will further enhance the care we provide to our infants and families.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Amit Agrawal and his team at Envision for their incredible support and service over the last few years," added Jo Jones. "While they will no longer be our provider, we look forward to continuing to collaborate with them to support moms and babies in Arizona."

Jacob's Hope is committed to ensuring a smooth transition to Dr. Patel and the Pediatrix team. We are confident that their combined efforts will make a significant impact on the lives of our infants and families.

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About Jacob's Hope: Jacob's Hope is a dedicated and compassionate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides crucial support to substance-exposed newborns and prenatal care to mothers in need in Arizona. They provide 24-hour care to substance-exposed newborns and support to moms on the path to recovery, for a happy and healthy life. Jacob's Hope is recognized as a trailblazer in its state, leading the way in providing specialized care for infants diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). As one of just a small handful of organizations nationwide specifically dedicated to this crucial mission, Jacob's Hope focuses on



offering tailored support not only for the infants but also for their mothers and families. Utilizing the Eat, Sleep, and Console program, Jacob's Hope employs an innovative approach to comforting and aiding infants diagnosed with NAS. This comprehensive strategy underscores the organization's commitment to promoting healing and well-being among the most vulnerable members of the community. To learn more, visit www.jacobshopeaz.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

About Pediatrix: 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 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 5,000 affiliated physicians and other clinicians in 37 states. 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.