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HIGHLIGHTS:

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COLUMBUS MCALPIN, M.D., NAMED FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF RAPIDLY-GROWING PEDIATRIC SURGERY PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, CA (June 27, 2003) – With the rapid growth and increasing scope of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s services for children, Columbus D. McAlpin, M.D., has been named full-time director of pediatric general surgery, a position he has held on a part-time basis for several years.

“He has been taking care of the surgical needs of children in the Los Angeles area for many years and has built a thriving practice. He is without a doubt one of the busiest pediatric surgeons in our community,” said Achilles A. Demetriou, M.D., Ph.D., chairman of the medical center’s Department of Surgery. “Although he will maintain several other responsibilities, Cedars-Sinai’s activity has increased considerably and we are looking forward to having him here geographically.”

“He is the doctor you want to take care of your kids – highly respected, very compassionate, very caring,” Dr. Demetriou said. “His primary strength is that he’s a good doctor, one who performs a variety of surgical procedures, including minimally invasive ones, but he’s also an excellent teacher who has trained a generation of residents here and at other community hospitals. He has received numerous awards for teaching and mentoring.”

According to David L. Rimoin, M.D., Ph.D., Steven Spielberg Chairman of Pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai, Dr. McAlpin enjoys the respect of his colleagues, an important quality in a rapidly evolving program that requires increasing levels of interdisciplinary collaboration.

“Columbus is a superb, highly experienced pediatric surgeon who is highly regarded by all of our practicing pediatricians,” said Dr. Rimoin, who also directs the Ahmanson Pediatric Center and the Medical Genetics-Birth Defects Center.

In addition to his appointment at Cedars-Sinai, Dr. McAlpin serves as assistant clinical professor of pediatric surgery at both the University of Southern California (USC) School of Medicine and Charles R. Drew

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Postgraduate Medical School, Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center.

Board-certified in pediatric surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. McAlpin has published articles in numerous peer-reviewed journals. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Pediatric Surgery Association, California Association of Pediatric Surgeons, California Medical Association, Charles R. Drew Medical Society, Golden State Medical Association, International Pediatric Endosurgery Group, and the National Medical Association.

A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Dr. McAlpin received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed a general surgery residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He served as resident supervisor and completed a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital Los Angeles/Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center.

Cedars-Sinai's Pediatric General Surgery program offers comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of neonatal and pediatric conditions, including prenatal consultation and early intervention for a variety of birth defects.

Over the past several years, the medical center has developed a number of highly specialized pediatric services, bringing together specialists from a variety of fields to provide innovative approaches for complex conditions. Thanks to state-of-the-art surgical suites, highly skilled surgeons and innovative procedures, new surgical options are becoming available for even the most challenging conditions. Minimally invasive techniques are reducing hospital stays, discomfort and recovery times to unprecedented levels.

Earlier this year, the medical center launched the Pediatric Surgical Specialties program, a unique program that brings together pediatricians and a full spectrum of pediatric surgical specialists to provide on-site comprehensive care for children and infants with multiple, highly complex or rare medical disorders.

Cedars-Sinai is one of the largest nonprofit academic medical centers in the Western United States. For the fifth straight two-year period, it has been named Southern California's gold standard in health care in an independent survey. Cedars-Sinai is internationally renowned for its diagnostic and treatment capabilities and its broad spectrum of programs and services, as well as breakthroughs in biomedical research and superlative medical education. Named one of the 100 "Most Wired" hospitals in health care in 2001, the Medical Center ranks among the top 10 non-university hospitals in the nation for its research activities.

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