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Pediatric Hospitalist Joins Cotton-O'Neil Clinic for Inpatient Care

(Topeka, Kan., Sept. 14, 2009) – Stormont-Vail HealthCare and Cotton-O'Neil Clinic are proud to announce the addition of Una Scruggs, M.D. She joins fellow pediatric hospitalists Drs. Steven Crouch, Kirsten Evans and Melissa Gowans, who are located within Stormont-Vail HealthCare to diagnose and treat hospitalized pediatric patients.

Dr. Scruggs received her medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, in 2006. She completed a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center, in Kansas City in 2009. During her residency training, Dr. Scruggs held the position of third-year Chief Resident.

As a pediatric hospitalist, Dr. Scruggs dedicates 100 percent of her time specializing in inpatient care. A pediatric hospitalist manages the care of children from the age of birth to 17 years of age, while they are hospitalized. After the patient is discharged, the hospitalist returns the patient's care back to his or her primary care physician. This unique program allows the primary care physician to remain in the clinic providing uninterrupted patient care while their hospitalized patients receive round-the-clock care from a physician specially trained to care for patients within the hospital.

Dr. Scruggs is now caring for patients in the pediatrics unit at Stormont-Vail HealthCare. For more information about the Stormont-Vail Hospitalist Program, call Health Connections at (785) 354-5225.

About Cotton-O'Neil Clinic

Cotton-O'Neil Clinic is the largest multi-specialty physician group in Topeka, Kan. There are currently more than 175 physicians affiliated with Cotton-O'Neil Clinic, PediatricCare and the regional clinics that reach out to communities surrounding Topeka. As a group, they make up the Medical Services Division of Stormont-Vail HealthCare, and function as an integrated health care delivery system. The clinic merged with Stormont-Vail HealthCare, a Joint Commission-approved, non-profit organization in 1996. Together, they care for patients throughout northeast Kansas.

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