

Children's Hospital adds eye care for kids

Pensacola, Fla. (July 27, 2020) – Children with vision and eye problems now have access to care at Northwest Florida's only Children's Hospital. Pediatric ophthalmologist Casey Mickler, MD, has joined the pediatric specialist team of [The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart](#). Dr. Mickler will see patients in the Children's Hospital and in the outpatient Pediatric Specialist Tower, located at 5153 N. Ninth Ave. on the Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola campus beginning in October.

Dr. Mickler has received specialized training to diagnose and manage a wide range of children's eye problems through medicine, glasses/contact lenses or surgery. Pediatric ophthalmologists and care team members are skilled at recognizing the sometimes subtle signs of an eye problem that a baby or young child cannot describe, and they use specialized equipment designed with a child's needs in mind. Dr. Mickler performs surgery for problems including weak eye muscles, crossed eyes, wandering eyes, blocked tear ducts, infections and cataracts. He also cares for eye problems caused by diseases such as diabetes, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and other medical and neurological diseases.

To request an appointment with Dr. Mickler or other [specialists](#) at The Studer Family Children's Hospital, call 850-416-2266.

Dr. Mickler graduated with his bachelor's degree in nutritional science from the University of Florida in Gainesville, and he received his master's degree in biomedical science from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He received his medical degree from Saint Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Mickler completed an internship in internal medicine and residency training in ophthalmology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He completed a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Mickler has more than 10 years of experience in eye care for children. He has served as chief of pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and as a major in the United States Army Medical Corps.

His research has been published in medical textbooks and in peer-reviewed journals, including *Pediatric Annals*, the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*, and the *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*. He has presented to the annual meetings of the American Academy of Certified Orthoptists and the Florida Society of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Mickler is the president-elect of the Escambia County Medical Society, a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and member of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.

About Ascension Sacred Heart

In Florida, Ascension operates Ascension Sacred Heart based in Pensacola and Ascension St. Vincent's based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension Florida operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and employs more than 11,000 associates. Across the region, Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2019, they provided nearly \$180 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 150 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 20 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Ascension Sacred Heart, visit <https://healthcare.ascension.org>.

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