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Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley adds new service

BOARDMAN, Ohio (Aug. 26, 2014)--Beginning in September, Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley will begin offering pediatric gastroenterology services at its Beeghly campus in Boardman.

Reinaldo Garcia, M.D., director of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition for Akron Children's Hospital, will see infants, children and teens with medical issues such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), celiac disease and inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Garcia joined Akron Children's in October 2013 after serving as director of the pediatric endoscopy unit at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital since 2011 and assistant professor of pediatric gastroenterology at Case Western Reserve University since 2005.

Since his hiring, Akron Children's has recruited additional physicians and advanced practice providers to develop a comprehensive pediatric gastrointestinal (GI) center. Access to that specialty is now being expanded to the Mahoning Valley.

Following medical school at Javeriana University in Colombia, Dr. Garcia completed his pediatrics residency at Hospital Episcopal San Lucas in Puerto Rico and his pediatric gastroenterology fellowship at Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

The office is located at Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley, 6505 Market Street, Building A, in Boardman. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 330-543-4488.

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