



## New Pediatric Group at St. Francis to Serve Unique Needs of Children

Swift Creek Pediatrics, a new pediatric group practice serving children in south Richmond, will open its flagship practice at St. Francis Medical Center this fall. Swift Creek Pediatrics will provide a full spectrum of general pediatric medical care for children of all ages from newborns and infants through adolescence.

Swift Creek Pediatrics consists of two board-certified pediatricians, Dr. K. Bakeer Al-Mateen and Dr. George S. Beveridge. With 15 years of experience in newborn intensive care medicine in Richmond, Dr. Al-Mateen has a particular interest in the follow-up care of premature babies. Dr. Beveridge is a general pediatrician who is concerned with the problems of children suffering from chronic illnesses like asthma, diabetes and obesity. He also has a personal interest in the psychosocial development of children who have survived life-threatening conditions like cancer and its impact on their families.

To be located on the fifth floor of the St. Francis Medical Office Building, the office will offer a large waiting room, designed to provide a relaxing atmosphere for parents and children. For children who are acutely ill or in need of immediate attention, the office will have a private entrance and waiting area. There will be six exam rooms for general use, an infant/breastfeeding room for nursing mothers, a treatment room for minor procedures and an on-site lab.

"In establishing our new practice, we wanted to give families convenient access to a variety of diagnostic services in one location," says Dr. Al-Mateen. "Locating on the campus of the Richmond area's

newest, most technologically advanced hospital in an area with a growing patient population is a win-win situation for us, our patients and their families. We look forward to being a part of this leading-edge facility."

Currently under construction in western Chesterfield County, Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center will offer a medical office building and a modern, 130-bed acute care hospital that is scheduled to open in summer 2005. It is Bon Secours Richmond Health System's first hospital south of the James River and will serve residents of Chesterfield, Amelia, Goochland, Powhatan, Dinwiddie, Colonial Heights and other nearby localities.

"Pediatric services are an integral part of St. Francis Medical Center, and I am pleased that Swift Creek Pediatrics is building its home on our campus," says Terrie Edwards, executive vice president and administrator, St. Francis Medical Center.

Swift Creek Pediatrics will begin scheduling patients in October. To meet the scheduling needs of working parents, the office will have evening hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as Saturday morning hours. For more information on Swift Creek Pediatrics, please visit [www.swiftcreekpediatrics.com](http://www.swiftcreekpediatrics.com).

For more information on Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, please contact Ginny Lewis at (804) 379-2930.



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