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ELLIOT OPENS THE STATE'S ONLY DEDICATED PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



Manchester, NH-- Elliot Hospital is pleased to announce that on January 16, 2009, the first dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department will be open to the public. This department will be staffed by Board Certified Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physicians, backed by a team of trauma doctors and a full nursing staff dedicated to meeting the needs of our youngest patients.

Patients up to 18 years of age will be cared for in a warm, friendly environment that caters to the specific needs of children facing trauma or emergency health conditions. The department is accessible through the main Elliot Hospital Emergency Department where cases will be triaged.

This specialized department offers a separate waiting area that takes young patients away from the general public in the emergency department and brings them into a colorful, less stressful and comforting environment.

On average, Elliot treats over 11,000 pediatric patients in the emergency department each year. This department answers a need for specialized care in an appropriate environment that will give parents and their ailing children a better experience and access to physicians who have specialized in pediatric emergency medicine.



A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house is being held on January 13th to celebrate this new milestone in the delivery of care to New Hampshire's youngest and smallest patients.



Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving your healthcare needs since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester's designated Regional Trauma Center and Pediatric Emergency Department, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, the Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, and Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center. For more information on any of Elliot's services, call Elliot On-Call at 663-4567 or visit www.elliotohospital.org.