

Children's Hospital grows pediatric audiology team

Pensacola, Fla. (May 27, 2020) – Children with hearing issues in Northwest Florida now have greater access to care with the hiring of two pediatric audiologists at [The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart](#).

[Claire Letendre, Au.D.](#), and [Sharon Guttmann, Au.D.](#), have joined the Children's Hospital's pediatric specialist team. Dr. Letendre and Dr. Guttmann 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.

As [pediatric audiologists](#), Dr. Letendre and Dr. Guttmann diagnose and treat children with hearing issues. Their practice includes hearing tests and evaluations with equipment designed especially for children. Because small children struggle to follow instructions as called for in adult hearing tests, pediatric audiology equipment incorporates kid-friendly sounds and images that help determine the most accurate diagnosis and course of treatment for a child. They join the office of pediatric ear, nose and throat specialist James Coticchia, MD, pediatric audiologist Jacquelyn Crysler, Au.D., and physician assistant Wayne McCutchen, PA.

To schedule an appointment with [pediatric audiology](#) or other [specialists](#) at the Children's Hospital, call 850-416-1575 or visit studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

[Dr. Letendre](#) comes to Pensacola from Northwestern University in Chicago, where she received her doctorate of audiology. Letendre graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University with her bachelor's degree in elementary education of hearing impaired, and she served as an elementary school deaf and hard-of-hearing teacher for seven years in Marietta Georgia. She received a master's of education from the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.

[Dr. Guttmann](#) has more than 20 years of experience in audiology, both in the school and healthcare setting. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in communication disorders and her master's degree in audiology from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, and she received her doctorate in audiology from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences/Arizona School of Health Sciences in Mesa, Arizona. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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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