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**THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT MONTEFIORE RANKED
AMONG TOP CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Prestigious US News & World Report Rankings Cite Deep Expertise and Key Specialties
As Well As Nursing Care, Advanced Technology and Outcomes Among Factors in Selection*

New York City, NY (May 30, 2008) – The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) has been ranked one of the top children's hospitals in the nation by the prestigious *U.S. News & World Report* 2008 edition of *America's Best Children's Hospitals*. The CHAM was ranked 28th out of 143 hospitals nationwide in its first year of eligibility.

The rankings are based on a methodology that weighs a three-part blend of reputation, outcomes and care-related measures such as nursing, advanced technology, and credentialing.

"It is an honor for The Children's Hospital at Montefiore to be ranked among the nation's premier providers of specialized medical care and services for children and adolescents," said Steven M. Safyer, MD, president and CEO, Montefiore. "In the six years since we opened the Children's Hospital, it already has become a hospital of choice for patients and families from around the world seeking excellence and innovation in specialty care."

"We will maintain our strong commitment to the Bronx community while creating one of the finest children's hospitals in the world" said Dr. Safyer.

In explaining the rankings, the magazine's editors said, "very sick children need very special care, and the best places for them are pediatric facilities with a deep pool of expertise."

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“We have successfully recruited renowned specialists with expertise in both medical and surgical care of children. Thus, the Children’s Hospital can offer our patients access to the highest quality care and services available anywhere,” said Philip O. Ozuah, MD, Physician-in-Chief of the Children’s Hospital and chairman, Department of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Montefiore Medical Center encompasses 124 years of innovative medical “firsts,” pioneering clinical research, outstanding patient care, dedicated community service and ground-breaking social activism.

A full-service, integrated delivery system caring for patients in the New York metropolitan region and beyond, Montefiore is a 1,122-bed medical center that includes: three hospitals -- The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, the Henry and Lucy Moses Division and the Jack D. Weiler Division; a large home healthcare agency; the largest school health program in the US; a 21-site medical group practice integrated throughout the Bronx and Westchester; and a care management organization providing services to 179,000 health plan members.

The medical center is ranked by the prestigious Leapfrog Group among the top one percent of all U.S. hospitals based on its strategic investments in sophisticated and integrated healthcare technology.

Montefiore’s distinguished centers of excellence include children’s health, cardiology and cardiac surgery, cancer care, tissue and organ transplantation, women’s health, surgery and the surgical subspecialties. Montefiore, the University Hospital and Academic Medical Center for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, is a national leader in the research and treatment of diabetes, headaches, obesity, cough and sleep disorders, geriatrics and geriatric psychiatry, neurology and neurosurgery, adolescent and family medicine, HIV/AIDS and social and environmental medicine, among many other specialties. For more information, please visit www.montefiore.org or www.montekids.org

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