

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Sarasota Pediatrician Robert Weiss, MD, Ranked Among America's Top Doctors**

Sarasota Pediatrician Robert Weiss, MD, was recognized among America's Top Doctors in the 2013 issue of Sarasota Health that hit newsstands this month.

In this year's top doctor rankings, the Sarasota guide recognizes local physicians nationally ranked in the New York research firm Castle Connolly Medical's trusted guide of the nation's top 1 percent of medical specialists, America's Top Doctors.

Each year, Castle Connolly identifies the nation's top doctors after an extensive nominations process and review by its physician-led research team. All board certified MDs and DOs are eligible and tens of thousands of physicians are nominated each year. Only those who rank among the top 1 percent in their specialties – based on medical education, training, hospital appointments and other criteria – are selected for inclusion in America's Top Doctors.

“I feel very honored to be named on this prestigious list,” Dr Weiss said after learning of this year's award. “There are a lot of great pediatricians in our region who do an outstanding job caring for the children in our community. To be singled out by such a distinguished group of peers is really quite an honor.”

Dr. Weiss has received multiple accolades and has been cited in Castle Connolly's America's Top Doctors for the past 14 years. He also has been recognized among Harvard University School of Medicine's Best Doctors in America for 11 years. Locally, he has been awarded Gulf Coast Magazine Readers' Choice Award - Favorite Pediatrician and Family Living Magazine's Readers' Choice – Pediatrics.

With more than 37 years of experience, Dr. Weiss specializes in the full continuum of care for children, from birth through age 21. He has been in private practice in Sarasota for 34 years.

In June, he and his wife Child Development and Parenting Specialist Diane Weiss, MS, pioneered a new approach to pediatric care in Sarasota, opening what is on track to become the region's first certified Pediatric Medical Home. Structured to meet the latest standards from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the medical home is not a building, house, hospital, or home care service, but rather a new concept that prioritizes family-centered care.

“It's more than just treating illness,” Dr. Weiss said. “It's about forging strong, long-term partnerships with parents to ensure their children's healthy growth and development by emphasizing preventative health care, detailed treatment plans, medical management of acute and chronic conditions, and education.”

“By partnering with Diane, we provide families not only exceptional pediatric care, but also developmental guidance and the skills and support parents need to meet the challenges of raising children.”

**About Robert Weiss, MD**

Dr. Robert Weiss is a highly respected board certified pediatrician specializing in Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine. He earned his medical degree at Meharry Medical College in 1976 and completed his residency in Pediatrics at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in 1979.

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