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St. Mary's Medical Center's Dr. Dror Paley First in the Nation to Perform New Limb Lengthening Procedure Utilizing PRECICE™ Remote-Control Device

Dr. Dror Paley, co-developer of the PRECICE™ device, to offer this major breakthrough in the limb lengthening treatment at St. Mary's Medical Center

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (December 1, 2011)- Today, Dr. Paley of The Paley Limb Lengthening Institute at St. Mary's Medical Center was the first in the United States to perform a procedure utilizing the new *PRECICE™* remote-control limb lengthening device from Ellipse Technologies, Inc. The device is used to treat limb discrepancies, such as shorten legs due to congenital abnormalities, major fractures of one of the legs, and shortened leg bones due to cancer or other diseases. As a world renowned expert on limb lengthening procedures, Dr. Paley was a co-developer of the *PRECICE™* technology, which provides an internal implant that can be adjusted to lengthen the leg bones through less invasive methods from outside the body.

“We are honored to be the first hospital in the nation to perform a limb lengthening procedure using the *PRECICE™* device, and we congratulate Dr. Paley on his significant accomplishment,” said St. Mary's Medical Center CEO Davide Carbone. “We take great pride in St. Mary's Medical Center's leadership and expertise in limb lengthening and thank Dr. Paley for his dedication and commitment to providing some of the most advanced limb lengthening care to our patients, many of whom travel from around the world for his evaluation and treatment.”

Specifically, the *PRECICE™* remote control device uses an internal implant that is adjusted to lengthen the leg bones via non-invasive methods from outside the body. This is an improvement compared to traditional limb lengthening techniques that use an adjustable external fixation system that is attached to the leg bone through long-term openings in the skin. The major benefit *PRECICE™* is that surgeons like Dr. Paley can have more control over each patient's limb lengthening rate, all in a less invasive way.

“As a co developer of The *PRECICE™* device and the first surgeon to place the device in the country, today marks a major breakthrough in limb lengthening treatment,” said Dr. Dror Paley. “The benefits to the patients that I treat with this device will be the best reward, as the device will not only provide a less-invasive approach to these procedures but also significantly reduce the potential for complications –such as infections- during healing and recovery.”

Dr. Paley's worldwide reputation and expertise extends equally to children and adults in the diagnosis and treatment of special orthopedic conditions including congenital limb deformities, post-traumatic limb conditions, bone healing problems, bone defects, skeletal dysplasias, metabolic disorders, foot deformities, peripheral nerve disorders and other miscellaneous developmental deformities. Dr. Paley is the most experienced limb lengthening surgeon in the U.S.

About St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care hospital located at 901 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the greater West Palm Beach area for more than 70 years. St. Mary's Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, trauma and emergency services. St. Mary's specialty services include a pediatric trauma center, 24-hour children's emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, comprehensive stroke center, high-risk obstetrical unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Children's Hospital at St. Mary's, the Rehabilitation Institute, and the Memory Disorders Center. St. Mary's Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

St. Mary's Medical Center is also home to the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute at the Joint Preservation and Bone Reconstruction Center. Led by Dr. Paley, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon who is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in deformity correction and limb lengthening, the PALLI includes operating rooms, physician offices and a physical therapy center.

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