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## **Esse Health Adds New Physician to Pediatric Staff**

St. Louis, MO (August 22, 2008) – Esse Health, the region's largest independent physician group, welcomes John "Josh" Madden, M.D., Ph.D. to its staff of pediatric physicians. Dr. Madden joins Esse as both a Primary Pediatrician and a Pediatric Rheumatologist.

Dr. Madden specializes in Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine along with Pediatric Rheumatology and Immunology. He joins the Esse Health team after completing Pediatric Residency training at St. Louis Children's Hospital in 2005 and a Fellowship in Pediatric Rheumatology/Immunology in 2008. He received his medical degree and Ph.D. in Molecular Microbiology from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and an Instructor of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Madden is also the founder of the Yale College Bioethics Society and served on the American Medical Association (AMA) Council of Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

## About Esse Health:

Esse Health is a St. Louis-based physician group that has managed the health care needs of St. Louis area patients since 1996. Esse is recognized as a leader in using technology in health care and physician accountability for both quality and cost-of-care. For more information on Esse Health, please visit www.essehealth.com.