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**Phoenix, AZ** – Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants and Phoenix Children’s Hospital are proud to announce the pediatric pain management program was selected as a 2015 Clinical Center of Excellence by the [The American Pain Society](#) (APS). This award recognizes the nation’s outstanding pain care centers.

“This distinction is an important one to us because it was determined by a group of our peers,” said John Jones, MD, the former medical director of [Valley Pediatric Pain Consultants](#), a service of [Valley Anesthesiology Consultants](#). “This recognition validates everything the Valley team does to ensure our providers deliver high quality care and superior outcomes; it reinforces that we are providing clinically excellent and compassionate care to our patients and their families.”

APS established the Clinical Centers of Excellence in Pain Management program in 2006 to increase awareness about teams of health professionals who address critical, sometimes unmet, needs in pain management within their communities. Award recipients will be honored at a reception during the APS Annual Scientific Conference in Palm Springs, CA, in May. The Clinical Centers of Excellence Awards support the ongoing advocacy mission of APS by showcasing the benefits of the multidisciplinary approach to pain management for providing optimal care for myriad pain conditions. A recurring quality of leading pain programs is success in helping patients enhance their overall function and quality of life by treating the whole person, not just the pain.

“We are committed to continually improving our program,” said the program’s current medical director, Jonathan Jerman, MD. “We are currently developing a strategic plan for Valley Pediatric Pain Consultants to optimize care for our patients and the communities we serve.”

***About Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants and Valley Pediatric Pain Consultants***

Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants is one of the nation’s premier providers of [anesthesia](#) and [pain management](#) services; a physician group of 300 anesthesiology and interventional pain management providers nationally recognized for its commitment to the highest standards of patient care, serving patients and their physicians throughout Phoenix, Scottsdale, Glendale and other communities in Arizona, since 1983.

The [Valley Pediatric Pain Consultants](#), Department of Pain Medicine at Phoenix Children’s Hospital, is comprised of [board-certified anesthesiologists](#) who have a special interest in pain management for children. It is the goal of these physicians and their health care team to improve children’s quality of life through a [multidisciplinary approach](#) to [acute, chronic and cancer pain management](#). Valley Pediatric Pain Consultants, along with a multi-disciplinary team of experts in the fields of pediatric medicine, physical therapy, psychology, psychiatry, childhood education, social work and cognitive behavioral therapy, have delivered pain management services for children and their referring physicians in Arizona and throughout the Southwest, since 2003.