

# CIFC Health Welcomes New Chief of Pediatric Medicine

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CIFC Health has a new Chief of Pediatric Medicine, Dr. Amira Mohamed-Ahmed, who joins CIFC Health with more than 20 years of experience in pediatrics. Dr. Mohamed-Ahmed earned her M.D. from University of Khartoum, Sudan before completing her residency at the University of Florida. She then went on to start her career in private practice in Pennsylvania before transitioning to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, where she worked immediately prior to joining CIFC Health. Dr. Mohamed-Ahmed also holds an Assistant Professorship at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where she works with the next generation of pediatricians as they complete residency training.

Dr. Mohamed-Ahmed has a passion for critical patient care. In her previous position, she specialized in medically complex cases, newborn care, and outpatient care. She has said she "is very excited to use [her] expansive experience in pediatrics to uphold the mission of CIFC Health: Providing excellent quality healthcare to the community." Community is very important to Dr. Mohamed-Ahmed, emphasizing that a partnership with the community and her patients is central to providing the best possible care for kids and youth inside and outside of the doctor's office.

CIFC Health's pediatric department had been led to this point by Dr. Amy Handler. Dr. Handler will continue with CIFC Health as a pediatrician but has taken a step back from her leadership role to dedicate more time and energy to treating patients. Dr. Joan Draper, CIFC Health's former Chief Medical Officer and current Designated Institutional Official for Graduate Medical Education, praised Dr. Handler, "She is that rare physician who quietly provides exceptionally high-quality care with unfailing compassion. We are fortunate that she will continue to provide this outstanding care to children, adolescents, and young adults at CIFC Health."

About Dr. Mohamed-Ahmed, Dr. Jennifer Cohen, CIFC Health's current Chief Medical Officer, elaborated, "Her experience as a pediatrician is expansive; matched only by her compassion. She is a marvelous addition to CIFC Health and will be a fabulous leader for the pediatric department."

