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Karen Brill Named Vice President, Patient Services for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

December 5, 2008 (Saint Paul, Minn.) — Margaret Perryman, President and CEO at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in Saint Paul, Minn., has named Karen Brill as the organization's new vice president of patient services.

Brill is a registered nurse who holds a master's degree in healthcare administration. She has managed Gillette's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Medical Trauma Unit since 2001. Brill began her nursing career with Women's Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She also held key positions with Long Beach Memorial Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach, California, and before joining Gillette, was with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. She came to Gillette in 1998.

"Karen Brill has a passion for improving patient safety and achieving the highest standards of patient care. Earlier this year, she helped lead Gillette's team that successfully earned the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet designation. She has guided many process-improvement initiatives and led interdisciplinary teams at Gillette," says Perryman. "Karen's colleagues respect her overall expertise and her knowledge of patient-care information systems."

In addition, Brill also leads multiple safety and quality improvement initiatives for the organization including Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Safest in America and Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

"I am very much looking forward to this opportunity to lead the patient service departments, to provide exceptional quality and safe patient care to all the patients we serve," says Brill. "I strongly value Gillette's family centered approach to care and enjoy the ability to partner with our patients, families and providers to provide the best care possible."

About Gillette Childrens Specialty Healthcare

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. Gillette provides services to the community in St. Paul, Maple Grove, Burnsville, Minnetonka, Duluth and Willmar.

Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette's mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. To learn more, visit www.gillettechildrens.org.

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