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**U-M Health System physician nominated for American
Diabetes Association 2010 Diabetes Champion award**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Ram Menon, M.D., M.B.B.S., Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at the U-M Medical School and director of Pediatric Endocrinology at the U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, has been nominated for the 2010 Diabetes Champion award by the American Diabetes Association.

Dr. Menon, a resident of Ann Arbor Township, leads clinical care and research efforts in Pediatric Endocrinology at Mott Children's Hospital.

"Dr. Menon has dedicated his career to research, patient care and finding a cure for diabetes," says Evan Kramer the father of a child Menon treated. He and his wife Peri, both of West Bloomfield, nominated Menon for the award.

"He takes the time to understand the needs of newly-diagnosed children with diabetes and their families," added Peri Kramer, the patient's mom. "His warm and caring nature helps families deal with their diagnosis and his ongoing attention, care and support is unmatched."

The 2010 Diabetes Champion will be announced at the 18th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the MGM Grand Hotel Detroit.

For more information on the American Diabetes Association visit www.diabetes.org.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The ADA is the nation's leading non-profit health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy for all types of diabetes: type 1, type 2, pre-diabetes and gestational.

U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital is nationally ranked in eight pediatric specialties in the U.S. News Media Group's 2009 edition of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Opening a new 1.1 million square feet, \$754 million state of the art facility for children and women in 2012, the new hospital complex will provide a new home for cutting edge specialty services for newborns, children and women such as the pediatric liver transplant program, Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Program, Pediatric and Adolescent Home Ventilator Program, Craniofacial Anomalies Program, high-risk pregnancy services and specialty gynecological services. The new hospital will enhance the inpatient and outpatient services, the world-renowned Michigan Congenital Heart Center, the Birth Center and the Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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