



To our Melmed Center Patients and their families,

I'm excited to announce that Melmed Center has joined forces with Cortica, a physician-led healthcare organization that provides comprehensive care for individuals with autism, ADHD, and related neurodevelopmental disorders.

Cortica was founded in 2014 in San Diego and now offers care at clinics nationwide. By combining medical care with behavioral therapy (ABA), developmental therapies (including speech, physical, music, and occupational therapies), and counseling, it provides comprehensive support for children and families. Additionally, the Cortica Innovation Network conducts and supports clinical neuroscience research, thereby advancing diagnostic and therapeutic modalities.

In the coming months, our partnership will provide our valued families with enhanced access to medical, ABA, counseling, psychology, nutrition, educational and developmental therapy services, which will supplement those you have already been receiving at the Melmed Center. Additionally, Cortica will help us transition to a new electronic medical records system platform that will allow us to better support your needs.

Melmed Center and Cortica are highly aligned in our approach to serving families. We are both mission-driven and share the same commitment to patient-focused, family-oriented, community-based, culturally sensitive and evidence-based clinical care. As the year progresses, I look forward to providing you with more information on how our partnership will continue to advance the care options available for you and your family.

Our dedicated clinical team will continue to provide the same care you have received over the years. Along with Michel Wilds, our Executive Director, I will continue to lead Melmed Center.

So, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our partnership with Cortica – and thank you for continuing to provide us with the opportunity to care for your family.

Yours sincerely,

Raun D. Melmed, MD

Medical Director

**Commented [SW1]:** Are there any other day-to-day patient experience changes that caregivers are likely to notice sooner rather than later? If so, we should include information on those here.