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Ascension Florida Names Dawn Rudolph President of Pensacola Hospital



PENSACOLA, Fla. (Aug. 2, 2019) – Ascension Sacred Heart has named Dawn Rudolph to serve as president of its hospital in Pensacola.

Rudolph currently serves as president and CEO of Ascension’s St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn. She will assume her role as president of the Pensacola hospital in the fall.

“Dawn is a dedicated and experienced healthcare executive and has been a servant leader in Ascension for many years,” said Tom VanOsdol, president and CEO of Ascension Florida. “Her experience at Ascension Saint Thomas in Nashville and at St. Vincent’s in Bridgeport make her an exceptional choice to lead our

Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.”

Prior to leading Ascension’s Connecticut hospital, Rudolph served as chief experience officer for Ascension Saint Thomas in Tennessee. In that role, she focused on providing a consistent, positive experience for all providers and those most in need of care.

She previously served as president and CEO of Ascension Saint Thomas West Hospital in Tennessee for eight years. Before moving to Nashville, she served as CEO of St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She received a bachelor’s degree in Education from Indiana University and a master’s degree in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. Active in various community organizations, she served as the 2012 chair for the Nashville chapter of the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women movement to fight heart disease in women. She also served as a board member of Make-A-Wish Foundation and was active with the Nashville Chamber of Commerce’s initiatives in public schools. She is a diplomat for the American College of Healthcare Executives.

In her new role in Pensacola, Rudolph will report to Susan Cornejo, chief operating officer of Ascension Florida.

Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola is a 566-bed facility within the Ascension Sacred Heart network, which also includes hospitals in Miramar Beach, Panama City and Port St. Joe, Fla., as well as a regional network of physicians and outpatient facilities spread across seven counties of Northwest Florida.

About Ascension Sacred Heart

In Florida, Ascension operates Ascension Sacred Heart based in Pensacola and Ascension St. Vincent’s based in Jacksonville. Ascension’s facilities in Florida include seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care and together they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent’s have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the

continuum of care. As one of the largest non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Ascension Sacred Heart, visit healthcare.ascension.org.

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