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## **Primary Care Physician Joins Sacred Heart Medical Group**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Primary care physician Dr. Maureen Padden has joined Sacred Heart Medical Group’s regional physician network. Dr. Padden will practice at Sacred Heart Medical Group at Davis Highway, located at 4501 North Davis Highway, Suite A, in Pensacola.

Dr. Padden has more than 25 years of experience in medical practice and healthcare leadership. She has served as commanding officer and executive officer for Naval Hospital Pensacola and returns to Pensacola having worked as a commander and force surgeon for Naval Surface Force of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in San Diego, Ca. Dr. Padden has also worked as special assistant to the U.S. Navy Surgeon General, the deputy chief of staff for Navy Medicine National Capital Area in Bethesda, Maryland, and department chair and residency program director for family medicine at Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Dr. Padden is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She has served as president of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, director of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) board of directors and an AAFP representative to the First Lady’s Joining Forces Mental Health Meeting at the White House in 2015.

Dr. Padden has won numerous awards for her service, including the Department of Defense Legion of Merit, five Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, three navy Commendation Medals, the American Hospital Association’s federal healthcare executive award for excellence and the president’s award from the Uniformed Services University of Family Physicians. Her research has been published in national, peer-reviewed journals, including “American Family Physician,” “Primary Care: A Collaborative Approach,” “Nature” and “Military Medicine.”

Dr. Padden graduated with her medical degree from Uniformed Services University School of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. She completed her internship and residency training in family medicine at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton in California, where she served as chief resident and went on to serve on the residency faculty. Dr. Padden received a master’s degree in public health at the University of Washington, as well as a faculty-development fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Washington. She also performed flight-surgeon training at Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola and was assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron in Camp Pendleton, California.

Dr. Padden is accepting new patients and most insurance plans. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 850-476-9000.

Sacred Heart Medical Group offers the largest network of primary care and specialty physicians in Northwest Florida, with more than 80 locations and 300 providers from 25 specialties along the Gulf Coast from Gulf Shores, Ala., to Apalachicola, Fla. The Medical Group is supported by the hospitals and

resources of Sacred Heart Health System. To find a physician and request an appointment, call 850-416-4650 or visit [www.sacred-heart.org/medicalgroup](http://www.sacred-heart.org/medicalgroup).

### **About Sacred Heart Health System**

On the Gulf Coast, Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola, Florida, and Providence based in Mobile, Alabama, are part of Ascension. Together, these Ascension healthcare facilities have served Gulf Coast communities for more than 160 years and they employ more than 6,600 associates. Across the region, Ascension provided more than \$113 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in fiscal year 2016. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia. For more on Sacred Heart Health System, visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

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