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## **Sacred Heart Hospital Announces New Chief Nursing Officer**

Terrie L. Fontenot has joined Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola as its new chief nursing officer (CNO). Fontenot comes to Sacred Heart from Porter Hospital in Valparaiso, Ind., where she served as CNO since 2010.

Fontenot began her nursing career as a registered nurse at Porter Hospital in 1995, and moved up to positions of increasing responsibility during the next 17 years. Her experience also includes positions as intensive care director, intensive care coordinator and intensive care supervisor.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1994 from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., and a master's of science degree in nursing in 2012 from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind.

### **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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