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Sacred Heart Welcomes New Neurosurgeon to Pensacola

Pensacola, Fla. – Sacred Heart Medical Group welcomes Dr. Maria Toledo, a neurosurgeon specializing in endovascular, cerebrovascular and skull base neurosurgery, to Sacred Heart Medical Group Institute of Neurology at 5153 N. Ninth Ave, Suite 302.

Dr. Toledo has special medical interests in treating cerebral and spinal vascular lesions, either endovascularly (with small catheters inserted through the groin) or through a craniotomy (opening the skull). Vascular lesions include brain aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, arteriovenous fistulas, and ischemic strokes. Dr. Toledo is capable of embolizing head, spinal and neck tumors in preparation for surgery. She also has significant experience treating pituitary tumors, hemifacial spasm, trigeminal neuralgia, meningiomas and other brain tumors. Dr. Toledo has extensive experience in performing cerebral diagnostic angiograms to diagnose and plan treatment for suspected vascular lesions.

She earned her medical degree at the University of Puerto Rico and completed her residency training in neurosurgery at the Puerto Rico School of Medicine. Following her residency, she completed a two-year fellowship in endovascular neurosurgery. She then completed a second fellowship in cerebrovascular and skull base neurosurgery in the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, under the tutelage of the world-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Robert Spetzler.

Before joining Sacred Heart Hospital, Dr. Toledo was the director of the Endovascular and Cerebrovascular Program, co-founder of the Stroke Center and director of the Advanced Neuroscience Center in Puerto Rico.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Toledo, please call 850-416-2536.

About Sacred Heart Health System

On the Gulf Coast, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola, Fla. and Providence Health System based in Mobile, Ala. 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.

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