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## **Roger Poitras Named on National List of Chief Strategy Officers**

Roger Poitras, chief strategy officer for Sacred Heart Health System in Pensacola and Providence Health System in Mobile, has been named to the “Becker’s Hospital Review” list of “29 Chief Strategy Officers to Know.” Published on Nov. 23, the list was compiled based on public solicitation of nominations and editorial review.

Sacred Heart and Providence are part of Ascension, the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system.

Becker’s Healthcare is a leading source of cutting-edge business and legal information for healthcare industry leaders. “Becker’s Hospital Review” is one of its five industry-leading trade publications.

The publication shared the following about Poitras:

“Mr. Poitras leads the hospital’s efforts to provide high-quality, low cost, person-centered care through partnerships and formulating growth strategies. His previous role with the organization includes President of Sacred Heart Medical Group.”

With more than 30 years of combined clinical, operational and business development experience, Poitras’ healthcare career has spanned the continuum with senior leadership roles in tertiary/acute care, ambulatory services, post-acute care and medical-group management.

Poitras received his clinical training at the Florida Hospital School of Nursing; an undergraduate degree in Finance from the University of Central Florida; a master of Health Services Management degree and a master of Business Administration degree from Webster University in St. Louis; a master of Human Resources from Rollins College; and a doctorate in Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina.

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

Sacred Heart Health System is Northwest Florida’s leading provider of high-quality health care to children and adults. The hub of the Sacred Heart system is its 566-bed Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. The facilities in Pensacola include The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart, a Level II Trauma Center, a Cancer Center affiliated with MD Anderson Cancer Network, a Heart & Vascular Institute, and the area’s leading Maternity Center. The Health System also includes Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast, a 70-bed community hospital near Destin, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, a 19-bed hospital in Port St. Joe, Fla., and Sacred Heart Medical Group, a large regional network of primary care and specialty physicians with offices across seven coastal counties between Gulf Shores, Ala. and Apalachicola, Fla.

Sacred Heart has been recognized for 17 straight years by National Research Corporation as winner of the Consumer Choice Award as the most preferred health care system in Northwest Florida. For more information, call 850-416-7000 or visit online at [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

Sacred Heart is a member of Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)), the largest Catholic, non-profit health system in the U.S. which is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable.

### **About Ascension**

Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest

Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2016, Ascension provided more than \$1.8 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension's own group purchasing organization.

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