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West Florida Rehabilitation Institute Names New Director of Nursing

PENSACOLA, FL - **Jennifer Walling**, BSN, RN, CRRN has been promoted to Director of Rehabilitation Nursing at the West Florida Rehabilitation Institute in Pensacola. Walling began her nursing career at the Rehabilitation Institute in 2012 as a nurse intern and completed her registered nurse degree in 2013. Since becoming a registered nurse, Walling has held the positions of staff nurse, assistant nurse manager and now, Director of Rehabilitation Nursing. In her new role, she will be responsible for managing all nursing and support staff at the Rehabilitation Institute, assessing patients' needs, initiating nursing care plans and ensuring the efficient operation of the nursing unit.

Walling earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of West Florida in Pensacola and her Associate in Science Nursing Degree (RN) from Pensacola State College. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice/Forensic Sciences from the University of West Florida. In 2016, Walling earned Certification of Rehabilitation Registered Nursing status.

A resident of Lillian, Alabama, Walling is a member of the Lower Alabama Search and Rescue team.

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About the West Florida Rehabilitation Institute:

The West Florida Rehabilitation Institute (WFRI) offers an extensive array of rehabilitative services for individuals with activity limitations and is licensed by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services as the only comprehensive physical medicine rehabilitation hospital in the Pensacola area. The program focuses on returning the patient to maximum independence under the guidance of a team of professionals specializing in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The WFRI is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), and consistently meets or exceeds the regional and national rehabilitation standards. The WFRI is also the area's rehabilitation provider for brain and spinal cord injury patients by the Florida Department of Health Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support. It is located adjacent to West Florida Hospital's acute care, all private room hospital which offers medical support services, including emergency medical care, x-ray and lab services.

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