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Chief Strategy Officer Named for Sacred Heart Health System

Sacred Heart Health System announces the appointment of Roger Poitras as its Chief Strategy Officer for the Gulf Coast. In this new role, Poitras will further the Health System's efforts to provide high-quality, low-cost, person-centered care through pursuing advantageous partnerships and formulating growth strategies.



In his most recent role of president of the Sacred Heart Medical Group, Poitras' leadership has brought about improved patient access to healthcare, strengthened physician leadership and expanded clinical services. Since his arrival in 2014, the medical group has successfully recruited and employed more than 100 healthcare providers.

Poitras also has been instrumental in developing the Gulf Coast Medical Group, which integrates healthcare providers from Pascagoula, Miss., to Port St. Joe, Fla. The Gulf Coast Medical Group is part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit healthcare system.

Poitras brings broad experience and training to his new role. His healthcare career includes progressive leadership positions in acute/tertiary care, medical group management, ambulatory services, home health, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. He holds a Doctorate in Health Administration, Masters Degrees in Human Resources, Business Administration and Health Services Management, as well as certification in Practical Nursing.

About Ascension

Sacred Heart Health System is part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit healthcare system. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all with special attention to persons in poverty and struggling the most.

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