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Jennings' First Hospital Medicine Program Launches

Schumacher Group Staffs HM Program at Jennings American Legion

December 1, 2015 – Lafayette, LA – Schumacher Group (SG) and Jennings American Legion Hospital has announced the launch of their hospital medicine program.

Hospitalists specialize in caring for patients in the hospital, and typically do not also run an outpatient practice, thereby enabling patients to be cared for continually when they are most ill.

Effective Dec. 1, a hospitalist will be on site to provide care for patients 12 hours a day, and on-call 12 hours each night.

“We’re offering 24-hour coverage, and truly believe this will bring improvement to our patients’ continuity of care,” said **Jennings American Legion CEO Dana Williams**. “Our hospitalists will also partner and work very closely with each patient’s primary care physician who chooses to participate in the program to ensure their transition in and out of the hospital is seamless and uninterrupted.”

The program will be led by **Medical Director Amanda M. Lacombe**, MD. Dr. Lacombe earned her medical degree from University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston and completed her residency with Louisiana State University Medical Center in 1999. She is a board certified family medicine practitioner. She previously worked in the emergency department with the Jennings American Legion Hospital, before also holding positions as Medical Director of Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home, Golden Age of Welsh Nursing Home, and most recently, Amedisys Hospice. She also had a successful Family Medicine Practice in Jennings. Dr. Lacombe is a dedicated provider who is fully invested in the new program, and has been serving within the Jennings community for over 17 years.

Jennings American Legion has a long standing relationship with Schumacher Group. They have contracted with SG in their emergency department since the earliest days of the company in 1994.

“It’s important to our clients that we provide the highest quality of care to patients, and we have just the team to do that,” said **Schumacher Group Vice President of Provider Services**

Lindsey Banquer, MHA. “While we have significantly grown in over 20 years, our founding mission still resonates in the consistent dignity and respect that we give to patients.”

For more information about Jennings American Legion Hospital, visit jenningsamericanlegionhospital.com. For further details about Schumacher Group, visit schumachergroup.com.

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