

Welcome to new Medical Staff Members

Name	Type	Department
Akshey Bhanot, M.D.	Active	Hospitalist
Peter L. Kennedy, M.D.	Active	Hospitalist
Mathew T. McCune, M.D.	Active	Anesthesia
Hamed D. Rahmanie, M.D.	Active	Anesthesia
Paramesh Ramadugu, M.D.	Active	Hospitalist
J. Matthew Reynolds, M.D.	Active	Surgery/OB-GYN
Mojan H. Saber, M.D.	Active	PM&R
Ramesh Talreja, M.D.	Active	Anesthesia
Anthony Vaz, M.D.	Active	Hospitalist
Bradley J. Davis, M.D.	Courtesy	Neuro Monitoring
Julian H. Fisher, M.D.	Courtesy	Neuro Monitoring
Thomas Kartis, Jr., M.D.	Courtesy	CV&T Surgery
Vijay Maggio, M.D.	Courtesy	Neuro Monitoring
Karen Snow, M.D.	Courtesy	Family Medicine

West Florida Hospital's Lab Earns Two Accreditations

By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, West Florida Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for Laboratory and Point-of-Care Testing Services.

The Joint Commission evaluated the laboratory's performance in complying with nearly 300 standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, leadership, management of human resources, management of information, ongoing performance improvement activities and other issues.

In addition, West Florida Hospital has been granted AABB accreditation for Transfusion Services. Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained AABB assessors and establishes that the level of technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by AABB. By successfully meeting these requirements, West Florida Hospital joins similar facilities located throughout the United States and around the world that also have earned AABB Accreditation.

AABB grants accreditation for:

- Donor Centers – Collection, Processing, Testing and Distribution
- Transfusion Services – Testing (Pretransfusion Compatibility), Blood Administration
- Cellular Therapy (Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells, Cord Blood, Somatic Cells)
- Immunohematology Reference Laboratories
- Perioperative Services
- Relationship/Parentage Testing

New Entrance Code for Physician Dining Room

Beginning Monday, October 4, please use the H.I.M. code between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. to enter the West Florida Hospital Physician Dining Room.

It is our pleasure to be able to provide this area for our physicians and it is our goal to keep this area exclusive for your comfort.

Julie Gabriel, RN, named new Nurse Manager for ICU/CVICU/2-North

Julie Gabriel, RN, MSN, has joined the staff of West Florida Healthcare as Director of ICU, CVICU and 2-North.



Julie Gabriel

She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham as well as a master's degree in nursing from the University of Memphis in Tennessee. As an undergraduate, she was the recipient of the "Student Recognition Award" and the "Outstanding Senior Award" from the University of Alabama School of Nursing.

Gabriel has more than 23 years of clinical experience in the areas of critical care, emergency, education and leadership. Her leadership experience includes Medical/Surgical Critical Care, Cardiovascular Critical Care and Rapid Response Team.

She spent 18 years at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Germantown, Tennessee, where she served as a Clinical Educator and was later promoted to Clinical Director of Critical Care, Medical Response Team and Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Team. While there, she was instrumental in the implementation of the facility's "Patient and Family-Centered Care" program.

Most recently, she served as Nurse Manager of Broward General Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where she was responsible for all the daily operations and fiscal management of the facility's Critical Care, Cardiovascular Critical Care and Coronary Care Units.

Gabriel is a member of the national and local chapters of the Emergency Nurses Association, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau Nurses Honor Society.

To contact Julie, please call **494-5289**.



Physicians of Gulf Coast Primary Care Join West Florida Medical Group

The physicians of Gulf Coast Primary Care have joined West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Healthcare. Located at 1921 E. Nine Mile Rd. in Pensacola, the group consists of Karen Snow, M.D., Alicia L. Chen, M.D., Jennifer Miley, M.D., Hillary Hultstrand, M.D., and R. Blake Sayre, M.D.



Pictured, left to right: Dr. Miley, Dr. Snow, Dr. Hultstrand, Dr. Sayre, and Dr. Chen

Karen G. Snow, M.D.

Dr. Snow obtained her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. Her postgraduate training included an Internship and Residency in Family Medicine at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham where she was named Chief Resident. Board certified by the American Board of Family Practice, Dr. Snow is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, the Florida Academy of Family Practice, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Snow is also an Executive Board member for Healthfirst Network.

Alicia L. Chen, M.D.

Dr. Chen obtained her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. Her postdoctoral training included an Internal Medicine Residency at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts, and a two-year stint at New England Medical Center in Boston. Board certified in Internal Medicine, Dr. Chen serves as Assistant Professor for the Florida State University School of Medicine in Pensacola as a preceptor for first and third-year medical students. She is a member of the American College of Physicians, the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, the Southern Medical Association, and the Escambia County Medical Association.

Jennifer G. Miley, M.D.

Dr. Miley earned her medical degree from the University of South Alabama in Mobile where she received the "Outstanding Student Award" in Family Practice. Dr. Miley completed her Residency in Family Medicine, also at the University of South Alabama, where she also earned the "Outstanding Family Practice Resident" Award in Endocrinology. She is certified by the American Board of Family Practice and serves on the Clinical Faculty of Florida State University College of Medicine as a preceptor for first and third-year medical students.

Hillary Hultstrand, M.D.

Dr. Hultstrand earned her medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville. She completed a Family Medicine Residency at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where she was named Chief Resident. She was also the recipient of the Susan U. Wager Resident Teacher Award. Dr. Hultstrand is board certified in Family Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association. She also serves on the Clinical Faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine and holds an honorary membership in the Chapman Humanism Society.

R. Blake Sayre, M.D.

Dr. Sayre earned his medical degree from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, specializing in Pediatrics. His postgraduate training included an internship through the University of Florida Pediatric Residency Program at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, followed by a Pediatric Residency at the same location. Dr. Sayre is board certified in pediatrics and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.



West Florida Medical Group Announces New Physicians

Patrick F. Dial, M.D., F.A.C.S. General/Oncology Surgery

Dr. Patrick Dial has joined West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital. Specializing in Surgical Oncology and General Surgery, he will practice at the West Florida Medical Office Building, 2120 E. Johnson Ave. in Pensacola.



Dr. Dial

After obtaining his medical degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Dr. Dial performed a surgical residency at Charity Hospital, Louisiana State University, earning honors as Outstanding First, Second and Third-Year Resident. He completed a General Surgery Fellowship and a Clinical Fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Boston. He later served as Chief Resident, General Surgery, at Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

Dr. Dial is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Southeastern Surgical Society, the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons, and the American Society of Breast Surgeons. Dr. Dial served as an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at LSU Medical School, Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge, and has been published in a number of clinical papers. Prior to joining the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital, Dr. Dial was in private practice in Baton Rouge.

Lillia T. LaPlace, M.D. Cardiology

Dr. Lillia LaPlace has joined West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Healthcare. She will practice at the West Florida Medical Group office located at 1190 E. Nine Mile Rd. in Pensacola. Dr. LaPlace is the area's only female cardiologist practicing in a primary care setting.



Dr. LaPlace

Dr. LaPlace earned her medical degree from Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C. Her postgraduate training included a residency in Internal Medicine, followed by a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease, both at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease.

Prior to joining the Medical Staff of West Florida Healthcare, Dr. LaPlace was in practice in central Florida. Dr. LaPlace is experienced in Transesophageal/ Transthoracic Echocardiography, Stress Echocardiography, Cardioversions, and Nuclear Stress Testing. She is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the American Medical Association.

Clark S. Metzger, M.D. Orthopedics/Spine Surgery

Dr. Clark Metzger has joined the West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital. He will practice at the West Florida Physician Office Building, 2120 E. Johnson Ave., Suite 106, Pensacola.



Dr. Metzger

Dr. Metzger earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis. His post-graduate training included an internship in General Surgery and a residency in Orthopedic Surgery, both at the University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile. Dr. Metzger also completed a Spine Surgery Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is board certified in Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. Metzger is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery and the American Medical Association. He was in private practice in Alabama prior to joining the West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff at West Florida Hospital.

J. Matthew Reynolds, M.D. Obstetrics/Gynecology

Dr. Matt Reynolds has joined West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital, specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is currently practicing at the West Florida Medical Group office at 2360 U.S. Hwy. 29 S. in Cantonment.



Dr. Reynolds

Dr. Reynolds earned his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine in Little Rock where he was the recipient of the "Patient-Physician Interaction Award." Following medical school, he completed his OB/GYN residency training at the Florida State University OB/GYN Residency Program in Pensacola.

A member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Medical Association, Dr. Reynolds has been involved in research related to the field of obstetrics.

A native of Arkansas, he was a full-time firefighter and EMT prior to earning his medical degree. He also served as the Hazardous Materials Coordinator for his county. Dr. Reynolds is an active community volunteer for several organizations, including a shelter for battered women, Optimist Club, and Special Olympics.



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Carla Rose Tillery, M.D. Internal Medicine

Dr. Carla Rose Tillery, a specialist in Internal Medicine, has joined West Florida Medical Group and the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital. Dr. Tillery will practice at the West Florida Medical Group office at 1190 E. Nine Mile Rd. in Pensacola.



Dr. Tillery

Dr. Tillery earned her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. Following medical school, she completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee at Memphis where she was the recipient of the "Outstanding Resident Teaching Award." Dr. Tillery is board certified in Internal Medicine.

A member of the Escambia County Medical Society, Dr. Tillery has practiced in the Pensacola area for the past 11 years in the outpatient clinic setting and in private practice. She also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of Geriatrics at Florida State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Verbois Named Medical Director of West Florida Rehabilitation Institute

Glenn Verbois, M.D., a specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has joined the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital. She will practice at the West Florida Rehabilitation Institute, 8391 N. Davis Hwy. in Pensacola.



Dr. Verbois

Dr. Verbois earned her medical degree from Louisiana State University in New Orleans. She completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Prior to joining the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital, Dr. Verbois practiced in Louisiana and Mississippi. She has experience in the acute inpatient, outpatient, long-term acute care, and skilled nursing facility settings, including serving as medical director for a number of physical rehabilitation units and programs.

Dr. Verbois is a member of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as well as the Southern Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In addition, she has been published in the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Steve Willis Recognized with "Patients' Choice Award"

Stephen Willis, M.D. has earned a "Patients' Choice Award" by MDxMedical, Inc. Dr. Willis has been a member of the Medical Staff of West Florida Hospital for more than 25 years and has practiced at West Florida Medical Group, 4601 Spanish Trail, since 2006.

Every month, more than 40,000 patients across the United States provide online feedback at www.vitals.com about their experiences with their doctors. They rate various components such as bedside manner, doctor-patient face time, degree of follow-up,



Dr. Willis

courtesy of office staff, and overall opinions. Over the course of 2009, these reviews have totaled hundreds of thousands of patient opinions. Of the nation's 720,000 active physicians, less than

6% were awarded the "Patients' Choice" honor by their patients in 2009.

Congratulations to Dr. Willis and his staff for this impressive accomplishment!

Radiology PACS Added to hCare Clinician Portal

We've made it even easier for you to access your patients' reports through the clinician portal by adding an "Images" link that will take you directly to the Radiology PACS system. With just one click, you will have access to PACS anytime, anywhere using Simplified Remote Access – even from home!

Please call Jane Caylor-Horten, your Physician Support Coordinator, at 494-4162 if you have any questions about this or any other clinician IT&S system.

Dr. Steele Joins West Florida Hospital as Medical Director of Hospitalist Program

Kirth W. Steele, D.O., has joined West Florida Hospital as the Medical Director of the Hospitalist Program.



Dr. Steele

After obtaining his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Steele completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he was the recipient of the Joseph Schnitzler, M.D. Award as Outstanding Third-Year Resident in Internal Medicine. His post-graduate training included a Fellowship in Critical Care and Thoracic Medicine at Geisenger

Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Steele's most recent appointment was with St. Luke's Pulmonary and Critical Care Associates in Bethlehem where he served for 12 years as a Hospitalist/Intensivist. He was named "Attending of the Year" for St. Luke's Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Steele served in the U.S. Navy as a Pulmonary Division Officer in the Internal Medicine Department at Naval Operational Medical Institute (NOMI) in Pensacola. He also served as a Naval Flight Surgeon based in Pensacola and as Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit and Respiratory Therapy

Department at Naval Hospital, Pensacola, where he earned "Teacher of the Year" honors for the Family Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Steele is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is Board Certified as a Diplomat, European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, the American College of Chest Physicians and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Steele has been published in a number of clinical publications, including *Trauma Quarterly*.

To contact Dr. Steele, please call 494-3409.

