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New Partnership Fills a Great Need for Advanced Patient Pharmacotherapy Care

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Nearly 92 percent of older adults in the U.S. have at least one chronic condition, and 77 percent have at least two. Managing seniors' conditions and symptoms during a hospital stay is crucial. A new collaboration between SoutheastHEALTH and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Doctor Residency program (Pharm-D) will provide patients with improved outcomes and offer additional, valuable, in-hospital training for post graduate pharmacy doctors.

On June 27, Southeast, the region's high quality, low cost provider, will welcome two Pharmacy Doctoral Residents for an intensive one-year residency. "This collaboration further exemplifies SoutheastHEALTH's commitment in providing the highest quality

of care for our patients and their families,” said Ken Bateman, President and CEO of SoutheastHEALTH. “Collaboration with the St. Louis College of Pharmacy gives SoutheastHEALTH tremendous access to knowledge and resources when it comes to the latest industry protocols on medication safety and drug interactions.”

Patients, specifically senior patients, admitted to the hospital often have a multitude of prescriptions, which can add a layer of difficulty in developing treatment plans.

Additionally, patients are overwhelmed by instructions and confused about dosage. Centering a Pharm D resident on pharmacotherapy outcomes through direct acute patient care management is a key objective for this collaboration and will make a positive impact on a patient’s recovery.

“We are very excited to collaborate with SoutheastHEALTH. This program fills a great need for advanced pharmacy care to patients in southern Missouri,” said Jack Burke, Associate Dean for Post Graduate Education, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, St. Louis College of Pharmacy. “Twelve residency pharmacy doctoral partnerships exist within the Saint Louis area, but this collaboration is the first-hospital based program in Missouri.”

The partnership by design helps improve patient outcomes and goes beyond entry level training for Pharmacy Doctoral Residents. They will be provided opportunities to obtain a teaching certificate, create collaborative seminars and present at pharmacy resident research symposiums. “Having pharmacy residents as part of the care team improves the quality care and outcomes for our patients,” said Nicole Allcock, Director of Pharmacy, SoutheastHEALTH. “This collaboration will meet our goal of providing improved pharmacy practices for Cape Girardeau and the rural communities we serve in southern Missouri.”

About SoutheastHEALTH

At SoutheastHEALTH, the region's premier healthcare system in Southeast Missouri, our patients receive excellent care of the highest clinical quality, close to home. Within our network are more than 50 care locations in 12 communities, including hospitals, primary and specialty care clinics representing over 30 clinical specialties and extending care for patients in a four-state area. For more information, visit SEhealth.org

Pictured is Ken Bateman, President and CEO of SoutheastHEALTH. Photo credit to SoutheastHEALTH.

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