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**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Saint Francis Healthcare System welcomes hospitalist Stephen R. Miinch II, DO, as a new Saint Francis Medical Partner. He joins a team of 13 hospitalists that provides expert, dedicated care to hospitalized patients at the Medical Center.

Miinch earned his medical degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. His clinical interests include helping patients better understand and reach their health and wellness goals through nutrition and an active lifestyle.

“We are happy to welcome Dr. Miinch back to Cape Girardeau where he grew up, and also to the Medical Center,” says Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE-D, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Francis Healthcare System. “He joins a knowledgeable team of hospitalists who boost the patient experience by reducing the length of patient stays, lowering treatment costs and improving overall care.”

Hospitalists are doctors at Saint Francis Medical Center who focus on the general medical care of hospitalized patients. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Medical Center hospitalists are dedicated to coordinating and managing the healthcare needs of each patient from admission to discharge. Hospitalists help ensure a seamless continuum of care among primary care doctors, physician specialists and inpatient care providers.

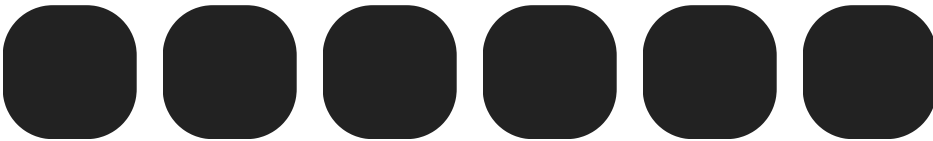
To learn more about Dr. Miinch and a hospitalist's role, visit [sfmc.net](http://sfmc.net) or call 573-331-3996.

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 289-bed facility serving more than 713,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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