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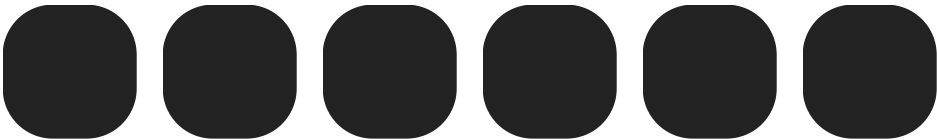
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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Justin Winkler, MBA, as the director of revenue cycle.

Winkler is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the revenue cycle process, including patient accounting, billing, collections, registration, scheduling and vendor management for the Medical Center and all physician offices.

He has been with Saint Francis since 2012, where he served as the practice manager for Cape Cardiology Group and the Heart Valve Center. In 2015, he took on additional management responsibilities of Poplar Bluff Neurology Specialists and in 2016, he assumed management of the cardiac and vascular electrodiagnostics department.

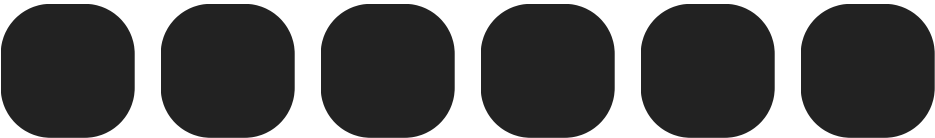
Winkler has a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

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Dexter, Missouri- Solar Eclipse Emergency Need Blood Drive will be held at the Eagles Lodge on Friday, August 11th from 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 12th from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All presenting donors will receive a Eclipse t-shirt and Subway gift card while supplies last. Plus you will be emailed a Target Egift card.

The Eagles Lodge is located at 13583 Old Highway 25 in Dexter.

The American Red Cross is urging all eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this summer. While the need for blood and platelets remains constant throughout the summer, the Red Cross experiences a drastic decline in new donors, and current donors often delay giving due to summer vacation plans. Last summer, nearly one-third fewer new blood donors came out to give than during the rest of the year. Many schools where blood drives are held and where new donors give are out of session during the summer months.

Blood and platelet donations often do not keep pace with hospital demand during the summer months, but every day there are thousands of lives to help save. Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

*Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

*The Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country.

Eligible donors of all blood types are needed to make a donation appointment now and help sustain a sufficient community blood supply.

*Donating blood is a relatively safe and easy process, and only takes about an hour.

*Scheduling an appointment is easy and fast through the Blood Donor App, online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

*Donors of all blood types are needed to help save lives.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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U.S. News & World Report Honors St. Francis for Joint Replacement Excellence

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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT HONORS SAINT FRANCIS FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT EXCELLENCE

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - On Tuesday, U.S. News & World Report named Saint Francis Medical Center a “High Performing Hospital” for both hip replacement and knee replacement, the only hospital in the region recognized with this designation. To earn this prestigious honor, Saint Francis’ Center for Joint Replacement & Revision performed significantly higher than the national average in three key areas for both joint replacement procedures.

High Performing Hospital Methodology

Hospital rankings were based on demonstrated success in three healthcare-related areas:

Outcomes: measureable results of a program’s patient care and quality-of-life improvement

Process: how well a hospital goes about its day-to-day care delivery through best practices

Structure: resources such as number of nurses, specialties, accreditations and certifications

“Our Center for Joint Replacement & Revision goes above and beyond for its patients,” says Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE-D, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Francis Healthcare System. “To receive recognition like this is a testament to the talents of our orthopedic surgeons, state-of-the-art facilities, knowledgeable staff and program best practices.”

To learn more about this Orthopedic Institute honor, call 573-331-3996 or visit sfmc.net.

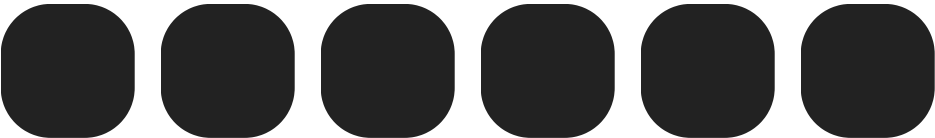
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