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Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to announce Brook Carter as Director of Surgical Services and Larry Coffman as Operating Room Manager.

In her new role, Carter will oversee both administrative and clinical activities for Surgical Services, including pre-anesthesia testing, same-day surgery, operating rooms, gastrointestinal lab, post-anesthesia care and sterile processing. She also serves as the administrator of Physician Alliance Surgery Center.

Carter joined Saint Francis in 2017. She earned her associate's degree in nursing at Rend Lake College before earning her Certified Nurse in the Operating Room certificate. She then earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville and her master's degree at Western Governors University.

Coffman's duties as Operating Room Manager will include overseeing operating room scheduling and surgeons. He holds an associate's degree in nursing sciences and is in the process of earning a bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Texas in Arlington.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Coffman has 35 years' experience in the operating room, including management experience as operating room director and charge nurse and was a travel nurse for 15 years before joining Saint Francis in 2017.

Saint Francis Healthcare System is guided by our mission to provide a ministry of healing, wellness, quality and love inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ. Founded by Franciscan Sisters in 1875, our priority remains the same: serve all who enter with dignity, compassion and joy. Serving nearly 713,000 people across Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, our focus is on patients' outcomes, experience and value.

Anchored by Saint Francis Medical Center, a 308-bed tertiary hospital, and supported by nearly 2,800 employees and more than 250 providers in 11 communities, the Healthcare System is a driving economic force in the region. Major services include Cancer Institute, Emergency and Level III Trauma Center, Family BirthPlace and the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Heart Hospital, Neurosciences and Orthopedics.

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