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# Sara D. McAllister Joins Cape Care for Women

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Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to welcome Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Sara D. McAllister to Cape Care for Women.

She received her board certification from the National Certification Corporation. McAllister received her medical education from Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. graduating in 2014. She graduated from the University of Missouri - St. Louis in 2017. She previously worked at Mercy Hospital Jefferson.

Cape Care for Women offers comprehensive healthcare for the unique needs of women at every stage of life. With a commitment to superior customer service plus the latest in technology and treatments, Cape Care for Women's physicians and staff tailor prevention, treatment and care plans to meet the healthcare goals of its patients.

Cape Care for Women is located at 211 Saint Francis Drive, Entrance 5, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63703.

To learn more about Sara D. McAllister, visit [sfmc.net](http://sfmc.net) or call Cape Care for Women (573) 339- 1166.

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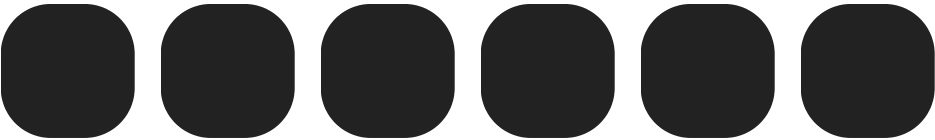
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# Hospitalist Alicia M. Cisne joins Saint Francis Healthcare

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## Hospitalist Alicia M. Cisne joins Saint Francis Healthcare

Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to welcome Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Alicia M. Cisne to Saint Francis Medical Center.

Cisne received her board certification from the National Certification Corporation.

She graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark. in 2012 and Maryville University in St. Louis in 2018.

Cisne is a nurse practitioner with the Hospitalists at Saint Francis.

To learn more about Alicia M. Cisne, visit [sfmc.net](http://sfmc.net) or call 573-331-3000.

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 254-bed facility serving more than 450,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by our Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center doubling in size in the last five years to best accommodate the healthcare needs of those it serves. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received a variety of national recognitions, include the Neurosciences Institute; Thomas G. Otto, MD, Orthopaedic Institute; Family BirthPlace featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Institute; Gene E. Huckstep Emergency Center/Level III Trauma Center with Convenient Care; Cancer Institute; Rehabilitation Services; and Fitness Plus.

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# Ferguson Medical Group to Join St. Francis Healthcare System

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Saint Francis Healthcare System and Ferguson Medical Group have entered formal discussions regarding the group's joining Saint Francis Medical Partners on January 1, 2019. A merger between Saint Francis and Ferguson allows both organizations to focus on a shared vision – patients outcomes, experience and value.

The more than 40 providers at Ferguson Medical Group would all join Saint Francis Medical Partners, employed by the Healthcare System, should the merger proceed. With more than 250 members, Saint Francis Medical Partners is the preeminent provider network in the region.

“I have had the privilege of serving my community of East Prairie for 20 years. The practice of medicine has changed dramatically during this time. It seems that many of

those changes have made providing good care in a timely fashion more difficult. What has not changed are the relationships I have with the people I care for,” says Steven Douglas, MD, Ferguson Medical Group. “The true joy of the practice of medicine is opportunity to help people live a fuller and better life, physically, emotionally and spiritually. The merger of Ferguson Medical Group and Saint Francis Medical Center will enable me to do this. We will combine the resources and talents and be stronger and more efficient in the years to come.”

Such a merger stands to benefit both healthcare organizations and their patients throughout the region. Ferguson Medical Group’s health professionals will have direct access to Saint Francis’ powerful resources, state-of-the-art facilities, integrated medical records and network of physicians and advanced practice professionals.

As regional healthcare providers, both Saint Francis and Ferguson are familiar with the practical and economic challenges of practicing medicine in rural areas. Rural populations are often underserved in terms of medical resources but, by joining forces, Saint Francis and Ferguson will take a crucial step toward assuring access and improving long-term patient health outcomes in Southeast Missouri and beyond.

"This agreement marks a significant step for both Ferguson Medical Group and Saint Francis Healthcare System,” says Maryann Reese, RN, MHA, DHA, FACHE, president and chief executive officer for Saint Francis Healthcare System. “We know the positive impact cooperation can have in healthcare, especially in service to rural communities. The knowledge, skill and dedication of Ferguson Medical Group’s many physicians and staff members is remarkable and will be an excellent addition to our Saint Francis Family. We are proud for the opportunity to call them colleagues as we continue our efforts to build healthier communities across our region."

Ferguson Medical Group has served the communities of Southeast Missouri for nearly 60 years. The group was organized in 1959 by Wilson J. Ferguson, MD, along with three associate physicians. Since its establishment, the group has grown to include more than 40 providers, including physicians, mid-level providers, behavioral health specialists, who provide services at eight locations throughout Southeast Missouri.

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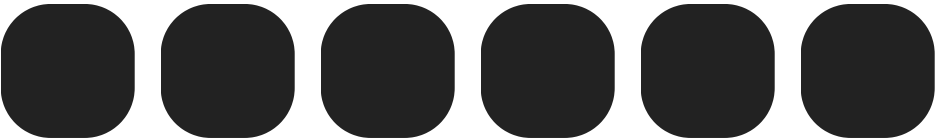
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# Lawless Named Director of Human Resources

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## Lawless Named Director of Human Resources

Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to introduce Kristan Lawless, MPA, as Director of Human Resources.

In her new role, Lawless will be responsible for all functions of the Healthcare System's Human Resource Department, including talent acquisition, retention and fostering employee relationships in a manner consistent with the goals and principles of Saint Francis Healthcare System.

Before joining Saint Francis, Lawless served as Director of Human Resources at Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson, Iowa, and as Human Resource Manager at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. She has also worked in human resource positions at Mercy Health Systems, Aurora University and Pharmaceutical Systems, Inc., among others.

Lawless earned her Master of Public Administration Degree at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Before that, she earned her Bachelor of Human Resource Management at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois.

She is a member of the Society for Human Resources Professional Management, American Society Hospital Human Resources Association and Iowa Society Hospital Human Relations Association.

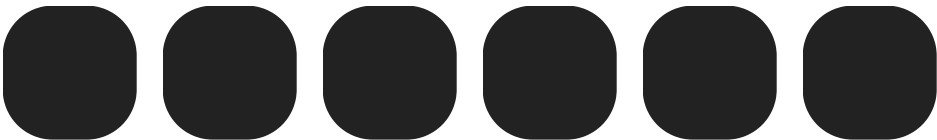
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# St. Francis Names New Manager and New Surgical Director

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## St. Francis Names New Manager and New Surgical Director

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.

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