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DR. CHARLES KNIGHT JOINS ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITALIST PROGRAM

Dr. Charles Knight, a physician Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, joined the St. John's Medical Center (SJMC) Hospitalist Program April 8. Dr. Knight has been working in hospitals and clinics in Louisiana since 1995.

A native of Austin, Texas, Dr. Knight earned his undergraduate degree in physics from the University of North Texas and received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine. Dr. Knight completed a three-year residency in Internal Medicine at the Alton Oschner Medical Foundation in New Orleans, La. Most recently he worked at the Tri-State Medical Clinic, part of the Willis-Knighton Health System, in Shreveport, La.

Dr. Knight is the fifth doctor and the third full-time doctor to join the SJMC Hospitalist Program, which was founded in May 2007. Other full-time SJMC hospitalists include Dr. Gerald Katz and Dr. Ellen Meyers. Drs. Jim Geren and Mike Menolascino work as part-time Hospitalists. With the arrival of Dr. Knight, the service is now fully staffed.

"[Dr. Knight] has an excellent background and extensive experience as an internal medicine physician," says Dr. Katz. "We're fortunate and excited to have him at St. John's."

Dr. Knight was Board Certified in Internal Medicine 1999. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American Society of Echocardiography.

The goal of the SJMC Hospitalist Program is to provide inpatients with around-the-clock access to internal medicine doctors. The SJMC hospitalists take scheduled shifts at the hospital rather than being on call. Hospitalists work with each patient's referring physician to order tests, prescribe medication, and monitor results and they remain in constant communication with an inpatient's entire medical team.

"Our hospitalists are all Board Certified Internal Medicine doctors who are very current in their treatment," says Kaye Music, SJMC Director of Quality/Risk Management and Interim Chief Nursing Officer. "The program both ensures [SJMC] inpatients don't need to wait for care – there is always a hospitalist around -- but also that they get the best care and most consistent care possible."

Dr. Knight moves to Jackson with his wife Benita, a Registered Nurse, and his nine-year-old daughter Carli. The couple also has two grown children: one elected to remain in Louisiana; the second lives in Phoenix.

"We really like this area; when an opportunity to work as a hospitalist here presented itself, we decided to make the move," Dr. Knight says. "We've always wanted to enjoy the lifestyle this area offers."

The SJMC Hospitalist Program can be reached at 413-5613.

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