



Recognizing our physicians on Doctor's Day

By John DiAngelo, Inspira Health Network President and CEO

Every year we celebrate an important annual event here at Inspira Health Network: Doctor's Day. It's a time when we recognize the significant role physicians play in our communities. Every day, our doctors offer diagnosis, treatment and care for thousands of people across our region.

There are more than 1,100 physicians on Inspira's Medical Staffs representing more than 50 specialties and sub-specialties. Their expertise and dedication help make it possible for us to provide quality care throughout our network. I'd like to highlight some of the contributions they make to our organization and the well-being of everyone in our community.

Providing the highest quality care is central to Inspira's mission and physicians are crucial in helping us reach that goal. They participate in dozens of committees, initiatives and programs that ensure we are continually improving the quality of care our patients receive. Doctors also help us to pursue innovative new ways to provide care, which is essential to our growth.

One example is population health, the process of managing the overall health of a group of people and holding ourselves accountable for their outcomes. Physician Hospital Organizations or PHOs are population health models that allow hospitals and physicians to collaborate to develop new and improved ways to deliver quality care to a population of patients.

Our PHO, Inspira Health Partners, has set a goal to partner with our community providers to enhance

the quality and efficiency of health care across our region, which ultimately improves outcomes and lowers costs. We already have more than 90 local physicians participating in this initiative. And thanks in part to collaborations like this, Inspira has been recognized as a state-wide leader in the development of population health programs.

Another key partnership that's advancing care in our hospitals and the region is our residency programs. In the last five years, Inspira Health Network has built an impressive residency program that has become the fastest growing in the state. In 2016, more than 145 residents will be practicing in our medical centers.

I'm proud that so many of our physicians are now serving as teachers in our medical centers. Our residency programs not only allow our medical staff to share their expertise with a new generation of young physicians, but they also bring dozens of new doctors into our community. Many of our residents are choosing to stay here and practice in South Jersey, helping to address a shortage of doctors across our region. We also host dozens of medical students in our facilities before residency, as they train to become tomorrow's primary care doctors and specialists.

At Inspira, we are always working diligently to expand our medical staff and bring new specialists to our region. In the last year, we've welcomed several new physicians to our Medical Staff including primary care and urgent care doctors, as well as specialists such as neurologists and breast surgeons.

Our Inspira Medical Group continues to grow and now includes more than 85 physicians, nurse midwives, physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. The group includes an array of specialists ranging from primary care to neurosurgery. And Inspira Medical Group is helping us to achieve our mission of bringing highly skilled care right to your community so that you don't have to travel to get the quality health services you need.

Physicians also play an important administrative role at Inspira by offering their input into organizational, utilization, and strategic planning matters. Many of our region's physicians have also devoted their time and effort to our health system as volunteer members of our Board of Trustees. Another group of physicians that play a vital role at Inspira is our Medical Staff Leadership who serve as liaisons among our Boards of Trustees and the Medical Staffs to ensure the quality of medical care our patients receive. Doctors also play an important part on our Institutional Review Board, which approves protocols, clinical trials, informed consent forms, as well as physician credentials and eligibility.

I ask you all to join me in thanking our physicians for their hard work and the excellent care they bring to our hospitals and our region. They are helping you and your family to enjoy healthier lives.



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