

## **Gillespie selected as full-time medical director for hospitalist group**

Dr. Lisa Gillespie, who has extensive practice and leadership experience in hospital medicine, was named medical director of the Capstone Hospitalist Group Aug. 1. She has served as interim medical director of the Tuscaloosa-based group since September 2021.

Capstone Hospitalist Group was established in 2020 by University Medical Center in partnership with IN Compass Health of Atlanta, a hospitalist physician staffing and management company. Capstone Hospitalist Group physicians practice within the DCH Health System. University Medical Center, the largest multi-specialty medical practice in West Alabama, is operated by The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences.

“Dr. Gillespie brings years of experience as both a hospitalist and physician leader in hospital medicine,” said Dr. Richard Friend, dean of CCHS. “She has a proven track record of providing high-quality, compassionate care for patients. She has been instrumental, as interim medical director, in helping the community and DCH improve standards in hospital care.”

Gillespie said Capstone Hospitalist Group “combines a local presence with a firm that has a national reputation in hospital management to drive performance.”

Prior to joining Capstone Hospitalist Group, Gillespie practiced with Northeast Georgia Physicians Group at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville. Before that, she worked as chief medical officer for LifePoint Hospitals at Rockdale Medical Center in Conyers, Ga., as chief medical officer for Piedmont Health System at Piedmont Rockdale in Conyers, and as hospitalist medical director for Rockdale Medical Center in Conyers.

In 2016, Gillespie was awarded the Georgia Hospital Association Distinguished Physician Leadership Award.

Gillespie received bachelor’s degrees in biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and in public health-nutrition from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health. She earned her medical degree from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals Program in Atlanta.

A hospitalist is a doctor who provides care from the time of admission to the hospital until the time of discharge for patients who either do not have a regular physician or whose regular physician does not practice in the hospital.

Physicians and nurse practitioners with Capstone Hospitalist Group care for hospitalized patients at two hospitals in the DCH Health System – DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa and Northport Medical Center in Northport, Ala. Services include in-patient care after Emergency Room visits or doctor referrals, continuity of care with patients’ primary-care physicians, and patient consultation.

Physicians affiliated with University Medical Center worked as hospitalists at DCH Regional Medical Center since 2003.