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Sacred Heart Surgeon Appointed to State Trauma System Council

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Dr. Glenn Summers, medical director of Trauma Services at Sacred Heart Hospital, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the 11-member Florida Trauma System Advisory Council. Dr. Summers will serve a three-year term.

The council was created by the Florida Legislature this year as part of a larger bill that revises the state's process for selecting and approving new trauma centers.

The council will submit recommendations to the Florida Department of Health on how to maximize existing resources to achieve an inclusive trauma system. The bill also requires the council to evaluate the regulations and guidelines for the designation of pediatric trauma centers.

Dr. Summers leads the trauma services at Sacred Heart, which operates the region's only Pediatric Trauma Center as well as a Level II Trauma Center. Dr. Summers received his medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in general surgery at the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

A trauma center is a hospital equipped and staffed to provide care for patients suffering from major traumatic injuries such as falls, motor vehicle collisions, or gunshot wounds. Trauma centers require ongoing additional training of physicians, nurses and other support personnel making them uniquely qualified and prepared to care for critically ill patients.

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