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Registration is Underway for Jan. 19 Symposium on Clinical Care of the Older Adult

The 18th Annual Best Clinical Practice Symposium will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Sacred Heart Hospital Conference Center on Ninth Avenue at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. The symposium is designed for internists, family practitioners, geriatricians, nurses, nursing-home administrators, social workers and allied-healthcare professionals.

Focusing on the care of the older adult patient, the event will feature presentations on the following: Pain Management in the Geriatric Population; Aging Gracefully: Fall Prevention; An Overview of Hearing Loss and Comorbidities; Primary Approach to STDs in the Elderly; Sleep Disorders and Dementia; Polypharmacy and Health-Related Issues Impacting Quality of Life; and a panel discussion on Mobility, Independence, Nutrition and Wellness Goals.

Sponsors are the Medical Educational Council of Pensacola (MECOP), Sacred Heart Senior Services and Sacred Heart Health System/Ascension. The symposium will begin at 7:15 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The event will conclude at 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided, too.

Symposium faculty include the following:

Dr. John E. Retzloff, a Sacred Heart internal medicine practitioner;
Dr. Susan Griffiee, Clearway Pain Solutions Institute;
Dr. Rammoha S. Rao, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Disorders Medicine, PA;
Dr. Ann Payne-Johnson, a Sacred Heart family medicine practitioner;
Dr. Carol Whitcomb-Powell, a Hearing Life audiologist; and
Susan Burke, a Sacred Heart associate with a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.

To register, or for more information on cost and education credits, call 850-477-4956 or visit MECOP at www.mecop.org.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Ascension's facilities in Florida include seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care and together they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit healthcare.ascension.org.