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General surgeon joins Ascension Sacred Heart

Pensacola, Fla. (Feb. 3, 2022) – General surgeon Ryan Hawks, MD, has joined Ascension Medical Group Sacred Heart. He will provide trauma, adult critical care, and general surgery services at Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola and see patients for consults and follow-up care in the hospital's Medical Office Building, located at 5153 N. Ninth Avenue, Suite 305. To schedule an appointment, call 850-416-6159.

Dr. Hawks is a board-certified general surgeon with more than 15 years of experience. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from the Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Dr. Hawks graduated with his medical degree and completed residency training in general surgery at Loma Linda University in California. Dr. Hawks completed two fellowships - first in surgical critical care, followed by trauma and acute care surgery - at the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Hawks comes to Pensacola from practicing trauma and acute care surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. He previously led the Special Operations Surgical Team (SOST) at Hurlburt Field and practiced general surgery at Eglin Air Force Base.

He is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command and a veteran of 10 deployments in support of U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Special Operations Forces on four continents. He was also deployed with the first medical and surgical teams to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. He is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

He is a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a member of the Special Operations Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Florida Medical Association.

About Ascension Sacred Heart

Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast includes Ascension Sacred Heart based in Pensacola, Florida, Ascension St. Vincent's based in Jacksonville, Florida, and Ascension Providence in Mobile, Alabama. Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast operates nine hospitals and more than 200 other sites of care, employing more than 13,000 associates. Across the region, Ascension Providence, Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent's have served North Florida and South Alabama communities for more than 165 years. In fiscal year 2020, Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast provided more than \$237 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit and Catholic health system in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 145 hospitals and more than 40 senior living facilities – in 19 states and the District of Columbia, while providing a variety of services including clinical and network

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