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PeaceHealth welcomes new providers

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. – PeaceHealth is pleased to announce the following new providers:

Jessica LeDoux, a physician assistant, has joined the Cardiology team at Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute (OHVI) at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. She earned her master of physician assistant studies from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont. She has returned to OHVI, where she was a certified medical assistant from 2016 to 2020. "Knowledge is power," she says. "I want to help take away the fear of the unknown when it comes to my patients' heart health."

Dr. Joshua Skufca has joined PeaceHealth Medical Group's Family Medicine team. He will be based at the University District clinic. He earned his medical degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. He previously was a Family Medicine doctor at Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D. In describing his practice, he says," I believe each person is an individual and needs individualized care."
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Benjamin Smith, AuD, has joined PeaceHealth Medical Group's Audiology and Ear Nose and Throat team at University District. He earned his doctor of audiology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has over a decade of experience providing audiology services and interventions to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. "I strive to enhance each patient's communication, quality of life and enjoyment of sound through evaluation, technology and informative counseling. I enjoy helping each patient find solutions to their hearing and communication challenges — no matter how complex."

Dr. Amber Vester has joined PeaceHealth Medical Group's West Eugene Urgent Care clinic. She earned her medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, Calif. "Practicing medicine allows me to combine my love of science and anatomy with my passion for caring for people," she says. "The art of medicine is being able to apply the science to the individual patient sitting in front of you. That challenge and personal connection keeps me engaged and committed to patient care."

Brett White, a physician assistant, has joined PeaceHealth Medical Group's West Eugene Urgent Care clinic. He earned his masters of science, physician assistant studies from Idaho State University in Pocatello. "I believe healing comes in many forms: meeting people where they are in life and listening; teaching and advocating; providing guidance through the complex and often unfamiliar world of medicine; offering knowledge and experience with up-to-date treatment options." He was a teacher and a firefighter before becoming a physician assistant.

Heather Wolfe, a nurse practitioner, has joined the Cardiology team at Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. She earned her master of science in nursing, family nurse practitioner at The University of Texas at Arlington. She previously worked as a family nurse practitioner at Healing Hearts Clinic in Conroe, Texas. She says she strives "to provide high-quality empathetic care that is personal to each individual. I believe individualized education empowers each patient to improve their health outcomes."

About PeaceHealth: Based in Vancouver, Wash., PeaceHealth is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth.

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend is one of Oregon's busiest hospitals located in Springfield, Ore., 110 miles south of Portland. This 347-bed facility is one of the largest hospitals between Portland and San Francisco, serving as a Level II Trauma Center for an eight-county region. Key services for the not-for-profit hospital include cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, neonatal intensive care, neurosurgery and other specialized surgical services. Visit us online at peacehealth.org.

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