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Charlevoix Hospital Welcomes New Oncology Provider

CHARLEVOIX, MI – Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is pleased to welcome its newest oncology provider, Jennifer Wedge, MSN, ACNP-BC. Jennifer will oversee the Sarah M. Foster, MD Chemotherapy-Infusion Center as well as the hospital's oncology/cancer care program, together with Andrew J. Riddle, DO.

Jennifer brings a wealth of more than 15 years of acute care oncology experience to the hospital, having completed a training program at the nationally-recognized cancer center, City of Hope in California, and served at the Karmanos Cancer Center. She completed her undergraduate degree work at Wayne State University in Detroit and received her master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Originally pursuing the field of cardiology, Jennifer's focus changed to oncology when her mother was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She became passionate about learning all she could about the disease. Understandably, she wanted her mother to receive the best possible care. Providing that same quality, compassionate care which she wanted her mother to receive to each cancer patient she would come in contact with became her goal.

"I want each and every one of our cancer patients to be taken care of the same way we would take care of our own family members," said Jennifer. "Honoring each patient as an individual with his or her own unique set of circumstances and treatment plan is the goal of every oncology team member here at Charlevoix Hospital."

When asked why she chose Charlevoix Hospital, she smiled and explained that soon after moving to northern Michigan, she found out that she was pregnant. She had heard wonderful things about the hospital's women's health program and called for an appointment. Jennifer found the staff to be extraordinary, with Dr. Jim Jeakle delivering her baby girl, and the OB nurses providing wonderful care. She was impressed with the way she was treated by each staff

member and was surprised at the wide variety of services the hospital offered. As soon as an opportunity provided itself, Jennifer applied for the position and was delighted to become part of the hospital's provider team.

Jennifer joins her husband, Robert Wedge, CRNA, who has been on staff at the hospital since January, 2017. Robert and Jennifer have two daughters and a son and make their home in Harbor Springs.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Jennifer's experience and caring attitude in charge of cancer care here in Charlevoix," said the hospital's chief nursing officer, Bernadette Cole. "She is not only a wonderful addition to our staff, she is so passionate about our patients. We are delighted to welcome her to our Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital family."

About Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is a 25-bed, critical access hospital located in Charlevoix, Michigan. Part of the Munson Healthcare system, the hospital was established in 1919 and serves Charlevoix and northern Antrim County residents as well as thousands of vacationers each year. For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoix.

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