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Surgical oncologist and general surgeon joins Ascension Medical Group Sacred Heart in Pensacola

Pensacola, Fla. (June 2, 2020) – Surgical oncologist and general surgeon [Leo Villegas, MD, FACS](#), has joined Ascension Medical Group and will practice at 730 Bayfront Parkway, Suite 5A, in Pensacola.

Dr. Villegas is board-certified in general surgery and is the only fellowship-trained surgical oncologist in Northwest Florida. He performs general surgery procedures and also provides multidisciplinary care to patients with gastrointestinal tumors.

He conducted research at Duke University in robotic surgery. He utilizes his specialized training to ensure patients are offered the least invasive procedure possible.

He initiated his U.S. medical training at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass., then completed a residency at the University of Missouri Kansas City. He completed a two-year surgical oncology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 850-432-5488.

Ascension Medical Group Sacred Heart offers the largest network of primary care and specialty physicians in Northwest Florida, with more than 80 locations and 300 providers along the Gulf Coast from Gulf Shores, Ala., to Apalachicola, Fla. Doctors from more than 25 specialties provide personalized, compassionate care to people of all ages. To find a doctor and request an appointment, call 850-416-2337 or visit ascension.org/doctors.

About Ascension Sacred Heart

In Florida, Ascension operates Ascension Sacred Heart based in Pensacola and Ascension St. Vincent's based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension Florida operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care and employs more than 11,000 associates. Across the region, Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2019, they provided nearly \$180 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., operating 2,600 sites of care – including 150 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

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