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AdventHealth Welcomes Internist to Expand Primary Care in South Asheville

HENDERSONVILLE, NC, June 5, 2025 - AdventHealth is pleased to introduce Scott Girard, DO, to our community. He is joining our team at AdventHealth Medical Group Multispecialty at South Asheville. Dr. Girard is an experienced, board-certified internist dedicated to providing patient-centered care. In his new role, he will offer primary care for patients ages 18 and older, with a specialized focus on complex patient care and geriatric care for older adults. The addition of Dr. Girard to our growing team reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding health care choices that our community tells us they want AdventHealth to provide.

Dr. Girard obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. He then went on to receive his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Girard has experience as a primary care internist, with more than 18 years of providing exceptional care for the whole-person – body, mind and spirit. He began his career as a hospitalist, providing care for acutely ill patients at a tertiary care hospital, where he offered specialized medical services and advanced treatments for complex health conditions. He later transitioned to providing primary care internal medicine and most recently served as an internist at Novant Health in Oak Island, NC, where he was consistently recognized as a top primary care provider for patient satisfaction.

As a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine, AdventHealth's promise of whole-person care matched perfectly with Dr. Girard's philosophy of care. He cares for the whole-

person and guides his patients through their care, so they understand and feel heard and supported. He goes out of his way to communicate clearly and is committed to delivering exceptional care, even for the most complex cases and diagnosis.

"I enjoy the complex challenge of medicine and caring for patients," Dr. Girard shares. "I take the responsibility of care seriously and I will work hard to make sure things are done correctly and to the best of my ability."

Dr. Girard and his wife are looking forward to being a part of the thriving community in Western North Carolina. They enjoy hiking, running, traveling, cooking together, and taking care of their house full of furry pets which includes two dogs, three cats and a horse! Spending time with his wife and animals in nature is what makes him feel most whole.

Dr. Girard will be caring for patients at AdventHealth Medical Group Multispecialty at South Asheville*. He is welcoming new patients. To learn more or schedule an appointment visit **AdventHealthNC.com** or call **828-654-5001**.

About AdventHealth Hendersonville: Founded in 1910, AdventHealth Hendersonville is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of our growing communities, providing high-quality, compassionate, not-for-profit care in a Christian environment.

In 1984, AdventHealth Hendersonville became a member of Adventist Health System. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 90,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and a commitment to making communities healthier unify the system's more than 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites in diverse markets throughout almost a dozen states.

AdventHealth Hendersonville consistently earns national ranking for its commitment to patient safety, earning the **overall Five-Star rating in Quality from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS)** and 18 consecutive "A" grades in **Leapfrog Group's Safety Grade** survey.

AdventHealth Hendersonville includes cardiac care & rehabilitation, emergency services, nationally awarded cancer care, state-of-the-art surgical care, full-service orthopedic care, an award-winning labor & delivery experience, and a full range of imaging services to help people across our region experience whole health. For more information about AdventHealth Hendersonville or to find a physician, please visit **AdventHealthWNC.com** or call **855-774-LIFE** (5433).

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