



OSF HealthCare welcomes additional Illinois Valley providers to its Ministry

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(PERU, Illinois | June 23, 2023) – OSF HealthCare is pleased to welcome providers in gastroenterology and primary care to better serve communities in the Illinois Valley.

The addition of Geetha Dodda, MD, and Jenny Gaworski, APRN, will ensure continued access for patients in need of gastroenterology services. Location to be determined.

Deb Herz, APRN, a primary care provider, will be joining the Ministry to provide high-quality patient care at OSF Medical Group – Primary Care located at 1650 Midtown Road in Peru.

Illinois Valley residents seeking information regarding their care can call (844) 673-2778. This line is available 24/7 and will offer individuals a direct connection to the information they need during this time. Additionally, patients may seek care at OSF OnCall Urgent Care in Ottawa and OSF PromptCare locations in Princeton, Streator, Mendota and Ottawa. Individuals can also get 24/7 virtual visits through OSF OnCall. Learn more at osfoncall.org/virtualvisit.

Former St. Margaret's patients should request a copy of their medical records from St. Margaret's Health (SMH), which has partnered with a vendor to assist patients with this process. Visit aboutsmh.org/medical-records-request and complete the Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Health Information form. When filling out the form, please be sure to list the reason for the request and where to send the records. Complete the form and fax it to (815) 664-1169 or mail it to:

SMH
Medical Records Requests
600 E. First St.
Spring Valley, IL 61362

SMH will no longer accept requests over the phone or by message, but if you have a question related to your records, call (815) 664-1583. Due to volume, please expect at least 30 days to receive your records. Record requests from the vendor working with SMH are subject to fees in accordance with State and Federal Laws. For Radiology images performed at Peru or Spring Valley hospitals, call the Imaging Department at (815) 664-1469.

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