

## **BROADCAST-OSF is bringing hospital care home to Rockford area**

### **ANCHOR LEAD IN:**

OSF HealthCare says its OSF OnCall Digital Hospital program – which was launched a year-and-a-half ago – has been so successful in the Peoria area, it's rolling it out in Rockford.

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Nearly 370 patients in the Peoria area who live within 30 minutes of OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center have been able to receive hospital-level care at home. Patients 18 and older who are stable and have a qualifying condition such as COVID & pneumonia among others can be admitted to the digital hospital program after an emergency department or hospital admission.

Under the program, technology kits allowing 24/7 connection are delivered to the patient's home.

### **SOT-Melissa Meier**

**"A tablet, which is how we do our video visits, as well as Bluetooth enabled biometric equipment for us to be able to do vital signs remotely. We also bring a backup power source as well as a backup internet source and a personal emergency response system, which functions much like a Life Alert button." (:15)**

That's OSF OnCall Digital Care Manager Melissa Meier who says digital hospital programs not only free up hospital beds – they reduce infections, hospital readmission and falls, and offer a better patient experience.