



## **The Doctor Is In: Teleneurohospitalist Services Now Available**

*Neurohospitalists round virtually in Pontiac and Bloomington*

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**(February 7, 2019 | Peoria, IL)** – Expertise matters. That’s why OSF HealthCare Illinois Neurological Institute created the Teleneurohospitalist Program. A team of dedicated inpatient neurological specialists now oversees all inpatient neurological care at OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac and OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

“Our goal is to deliver high quality, patient-centered, innovative neurological care across our healthcare system. This program allows us to utilize best practices through guideline-driven care standards applied by our neurological experts in Peoria,” said Abby Lotz, Director Clinical Systems of Care, OSF HealthCare Illinois Neurological Institute.

OSF HealthCare Neurological Institute neurologists are rounding daily via telecart on all neurology patients. This comprehensive, fellowship-trained neurological care team is the superior option for neurology patients. OSF HealthCare is proud to offer this option to our patients.

“This means patients have continuity of care and constant access to expert neurological care like never before,” said Lynn Fulton, President, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center.

Neurohospitalists set and enforce standards for neurological care in the hospital and set consistent care plans for each patient, so care is more predictable and less variable, which means better patient outcomes.

“This neuro care team provides best practices and care paths to make sure every patient in the hospital with neurological needs receives consistent, expert care, regardless of which caregivers are on shift at the hospital,” explained Brad Solberg, President, OSF HealthCare Saint James Medical Center.

The Teleneurohospitalist Program started January 8 and is currently available to neurology inpatients in Pontiac and Bloomington. Patients will be referred to the program on a case-by-case basis.

The neurohospitalist providers are located in Peoria and include Arun Talkad, MD; Deepak Nair, MD; Elias Samaha, MD and Swetha Vennavavaram, MD.