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## Neurosurgeon joins Ascension Medical Group Sacred Heart in Pensacola

**Pensacola, Fla.** (Aug. 3, 2021) – <u>Neurosurgeon Frank Farokhi, MD</u>, has joined Ascension Medical Group Sacred Heart's regional network of doctors. Dr. Farokhi will see patients at Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola's Medical Office Building, located at 5153 N. Ninth Ave., Suite 302.

Dr. Farokhi specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery and joins the office of Dr. Maria Toledo, Dr. Ann Carr, Dr. Nathan Kohler, Dr. Christopher Villar and pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Gus Perez. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 850-416-2250.

Dr. Farokhi graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with his bachelor's degree in chemistry and a minor in Spanish. He then received his medical degree from Rush University Medical College in Chicago, where he served as student council representative. He completed residency training in neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. He comes to Pensacola from a spine surgery fellowship at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Semmes-Murphey Neurologic & Spine Institute.

His research has been published in medical journals including Neurospine, Case Reports in Hematology and the Public Library of Science. Dr. Farokhi has presented at meetings of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Louisiana Neurosurgical Society. He is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Dr. Farokhi is fluent in Spanish and has served as an interpreter and medical volunteer at community clinics. While in Chicago, he volunteered with an elementary school, creating interactive games to teach children about their internal organs. Dr. Farokhi is passionate about traveling and spent two summers in high school as an exchange student in Japan and a Spanish language and cultural immersion program student in Spain. In his spare time, he enjoys guitar, theater, improvisational comedy, pocket knives and amateur race car driving.

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.

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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. Visit <a href="https://www.ascension.org">www.ascension.org</a> and <a href="https://www.ascension.org">www.studerfamilychildrenshospital.com</a>.