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Advocate Health Announces Division President for North Carolina and Georgia

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Advocate Health has named Steve Smoot, FACHE, as North Carolina and Georgia Division President effective June 2. In this role, Smoot will drive strategic priorities, operational excellence, and community engagement across North Carolina and Georgia, in alignment with the enterprise. Steve replaces Ken Haynes who was recently named Executive Vice President and Chief Enterprise Services Officer for Advocate Health.

Steve has more than 25 years of health care leadership experience, having most recently served as Chief Operating Officer for SSM Health, which operates 23 hospitals and more than 300 physician offices, where he oversaw hospital, medical group and business operations across Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. He has demonstrated a strong track record in strategy development, operational transformation and physician partnerships.

Prior to joining SSM Health, Steven served as Associate Chief Operating Officer at Intermountain Healthcare where he oversaw 23 hospitals, including a Level 1 Trauma Center and Children's Hospital.

"We're very excited to welcome Steve Smoot to the Advocate Health family as our new North Carolina and Georgia Division President. Steve brings over 25 years of health care leadership, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer at SSM Health, where he oversaw 23 hospitals and 300+ physician practices, helping improve access and outcomes," said Eugene A. Woods, CEO of Advocate Health. "Beyond his resume, Steve shares our values and will help us deliver on our purpose: to redefine care for all."

Steve has a bachelor's degree in hospital administration from Weber State University and a Master of Business Administration from Brigham Young University. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and has been recognized with the ACHE Regents Award twice.

Steve is married and has five daughters, one granddaughter and four grandsons. In his spare time, he enjoys being active outdoors.

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About Advocate Health

[Advocate Health](#) is the third-largest nonprofit, integrated health system in the United States, created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and Atrium Health. Providing care under the names [Advocate Health Care](#) in Illinois; [Atrium Health](#) in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama; and [Aurora Health Care](#) in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care.

Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health services nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, with [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) serving as the academic core of the enterprise. Advocate Health is nationally recognized for its expertise in heart and vascular, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs more than 160,000 teammates across 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to redefining care for all, Advocate Health provides more than \$6 billion in annual community benefits.