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## **Flynn joins Hamilton Physician Group – Specialty Care as palliative physician**

**DALTON, Ga. (January 2, 2026)** – Thomas Flynn, MD, says his favorite part about being a physician is spending extended quality time with patients and getting to know them as people — their values, goals, hopes, dreams, fears and how all this fits together so that they can get the best possible care.

Flynn is a palliative care physician who practices at Hamilton Physician Group – Specialty Care (part of Vitruvian Health) in Dalton.

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. It focuses on improving quality of life for both patients and their family members and can involve easing symptoms, supporting emotional and spiritual needs, helping families cope, and coordinating care among different doctors and services. People can receive palliative care at any stage of a serious illness, and it can be given alongside treatments aimed at curing the disease.

“Palliative care says, ‘how can I step in and see you as a whole person? We use a multidisciplinary team – whether that’s a chaplain, social worker, nurse, doctor and therapist – to improve your quality of life and to relieve suffering,’” Flynn says. “My focus is, we’re going to do this together. We’re going to journey together. And no matter the situation, I can walk with you the whole way.”

Flynn earned his medical degree at Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, Calif. He completed a Family Medicine residency at Florida State University School of Medicine in Fort Myers, Fla., and completed a Hospice and Palliative Care fellowship at Kettering Health in Dayton, Ohio.

Flynn says he found his calling as a doctor when he served as a student missionary and had a transformative experience. His worldview shifted, and he felt pulled to a career in helping others in their most difficult moments and dilemmas.

"I believe great physicians combine clinical training and skills with empathy and compassion for their patients, by seeing them as whole people and not just a collection of illnesses," Flynn says. "The great physicians are healers, first and foremost."

To make an appointment with Flynn, call 706-529-3072.

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**Photo:** Thomas Flynn, MD

#### **About Vitruvian Health**

Vitruvian Health, formerly Hamilton Health Care System, is a not-for-profit, fully integrated health system serving the Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee regions. Vitruvian includes Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Ga., and Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn., affiliated physician practices, walk-in care centers, retirement and skilled nursing centers, a diagnostic center, a cancer institute, an institute for children with developmental delays, and more. Known for its advanced care and personalized service, Vitruvian Health offers innovative treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining a compassionate, friendly and tranquil healing environment.

The Vitruvian name draws from the organization's recognizable da Vinci-inspired Vitruvian Man icon, which has been a prominent part of Hamilton's logo since 1976. Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man represents harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all aspects of health, perfectly aligning with Hamilton's integrated system of care.