SGMC Welcomes Neurosurgeon

South Georgia Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Kimberly Mackey, board certified adult and pediatric neurosurgeon.

Dr. Mackey will see patients at SGMC and at her practice, SGMC Neurosurgery, which is located in the Professional Building at 2409 N. Patterson Street in Valdosta.

Dr. Mackey received her medical degree from the University of Chicago, then completed her residency in neurological surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Additionally, she completed her fellowship in tumors and pediatric neurosurgery at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and joins SGMC from her practice in Norfolk, Virginia.

Neurosurgery is the medical specialty that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the brain, spine, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves. Although it is fundamentally a surgical discipline, neurosurgery requires knowledge of neurology, critical care, trauma care, and radiology. A significant number of patients seen by a neurosurgeon are managed with nonsurgical options that may include medical, physical, or minimally invasive interventional therapies.

Dr. Mackey is married to Michael, a director of operations, helicopter pilot, and member of the Air Force rescue community at Moody Air Force Base. They have one son, Ben.

“We are excited to join SGMC and have the opportunity to serve our new Georgia community,” said Dr. Mackey. “While God blessed our family with the option to move other places, we felt Valdosta and SGMC were the best fit for us.”

According to Dr. Mackey, there were numerous factors that made the move attractive to her. “I wanted to be somewhere that my skillset could truly make a difference,” she said. “Not only is it critical for patients needing neurosurgical care to receive it quickly, but being closer to home reduces the mental and financial stress of traveling for everyone involved.”

With the addition of Dr. Mackey, the hospital will now be able to provide 24/7 neurosurgical coverage. This means fewer patients will have to leave the community and state to receive neurosurgical care.

SGMC Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Dawson shared, “We are pleased to have Dr. Mackey join our neurosciences and neuro trauma services. Dr. Mackey’s skills and capabilities serve to enhance the services provided to the communities we serve and further enable us to be the region’s destination for high quality neuro spine and trauma care.”

For more information on SGMC Neurosurgery, call 229-433-6002 or visit sgmc.org/neurosurgery.

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