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**WHITE-WILSON MEDICAL CENTER WELCOMES
SIX NEW HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. — May 18, 2021 – Since the beginning of 2021, White-Wilson Medical Center has welcomed six new health care professionals to its team. These additions reiterate the 75-year-old medical center’s dedication to bringing highly skilled providers to the community and offering health care to meet a wide range of needs.

“With the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine and the pandemic becoming more manageable, patients are once again feeling comfortable enough to go and see their doctor,” said White-Wilson CEO Alan Gieseman. “These new additions allow us to meet the increasing need for quality health care, and we are excited to bring these talented and experienced professionals to our community.”

White-Wilson’s newest additions include:

Dr. Grace Carlson is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is now caring for patients as a hospitalist with the White-Wilson In-Patient Care team. Dr. Carlson has more than 10 years experience caring for patients in a hospital setting and utilizes the skills she developed to provide comprehensive care to patients admitted to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

Dr. James “Jim” Martin has a career in health care that spans more the 40 years, many of which have been spent caring for patients here on the Emerald Coast. Dr. Martin is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and joins Dr. Brad Arbogast in treating and managing diseases and disorders of the kidneys at the White-Wilson Nephrology Clinic in Fort Walton Beach. Dr. Martin’s addition will also bring with it the expansion of Nephrology services to White-Wilson’s Crestview location at 130 E. Redstone Avenue.

Kimberly Burke, PA-C joins with more than 18 years of experience as a physician assistant. PA Burke has a diverse background that includes providing care at military installations on remote islands. She joins White-Wilson’s Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation team where she will assist White-Wilson physician, Dr. Melissa Fischer in bringing care to patients at skilled nursing facilities throughout the area.

Emily Haffner, MS, RD, LD, CDE is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator. With her addition, White-Wilson is reintroducing its Diabetes and Nutrition Management program aimed at helping patients with diabetes or prediabetes learn healthy habits and management skills designed to reduce future risk of diabetes-related complications. Ms. Haffner is also certified by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as a Weight Management Specialist and hopes to soon introduce nutrition and weight management classes to the program.

Gretel Rowland, APRN joins Dr. William Gross at the White-Wilson Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. APRN Rowland brings with her more than 20 years of health care experience, half of which has been spent caring for patients as a registered nurse practitioner. As a member of the Ear, Nose and Throat team, she specializes in managing and treating of diseases and disorders of the ear, nose and throat in patients of all ages.

Shana Haywood, PNP joins the White-Wilson Medical Center in Navarre where she will care for the center's smallest patients as a pediatric nurse practitioner. PNP Haywood gathered extensive pediatric health care knowledge during her 19 years spent as a registered nurse in a neo-natal intensive care unit and her training as a pediatric nurse practitioner, which she utilizes to provide the best care for our community's children. PNP Haywood specializes in general pediatric health care for children aged 0-18, including annual wellness visits and immunizations, as well as the prevention and treatment of childhood illnesses.

"Our community is growing and thriving," said Gieseman. "And with this growth comes the responsibility for us as health care providers to ensure easy access to high-quality care. We are honored to welcome these medical professionals and others into our family to meet the needs of our community."

In coming months, White-Wilson will add many more health care providers across their locations. These include:

- Dr. Kirk Garcia-Rios – Family Medicine Physician, Crestview
- Dr. Karen Hoffman – Internist, Niceville
- Dr. Aaron Noles – Neurologist, Fort Walton Beach
- Dr. Melanie Parm – Pediatrician, Navarre
- Dr. Shane Robinson – Pediatrician, Crestview

More information about these health care providers and the entire White-Wilson team is available at white-wilson.com. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 850-863-8100.

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Photo Attachment: Dr. Grace Carlson; Dr. James "Jim" Martin; Emily Haffner, MS, RD,

LD, CDE; Kimberly Burke, PA-C; Gretel Rowland, APRN; Shana Haywood, PNP

About White-Wilson Medical Center:

White-Wilson Medical Center is a multi-specialty physician group, and has been serving Florida's Emerald Coast for over 75 years. WWMC is home to your community's largest team of physicians, collaborating for your good health in more than 20 different specialties. With locations in Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Navarre and Niceville, White-Wilson provides a range of health care services to fit most needs. White-Wilson employs state-of-the-art technology, coupled with skilled and experienced providers, friendly and caring staff, and the convenience of "one-stop" shopping. Visit www.white-wilson.com for a list of specialties and services.