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Two New Medical Providers Added to Willapa Harbor Hospital Team

A new family physician and family nurse practitioner will care for patients at two Willapa Harbor Hospital-owned clinics.

SOUTH BEND, Wash. (March 19, 2020) – The medical community in South Bend is growing with the addition of two healthcare professionals at Willapa Harbor Hospital: Dr. Tobi Thaller and Family Nurse Practitioner Barbie Alford.

“As our community continues to grow, so does the healthcare needs of our region,” says Matthew Kempton, CEO of Willapa Harbor Hospital. “I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Thaller and Nurse Alford to our team.”

As a family practice physician, Dr. Thaller has the expertise to deliver comprehensive healthcare for individuals of all ages. She provides preventive care through routine checkups and health-risk assessments and through personalized consultations on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and she coordinates care with subspecialists.

“I am excited to be joining the medical community here in Pacific County and begin serving patients at Willapa Harbor Hospital and the Pacific Family Health Center,” Dr. Thaller says. “South Bend is undoubtedly part of a growing region, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to care for families in the area.”

Before her affiliation with Willapa Harbor Hospital, Dr. Thaller has held medical positions in Ocean Park, and Ilwaco, Washington. She earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in 2008 from the University of Utah in Behavioral Science and Health and Theatre. Dr. Thaller later completed her Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Utah School of Medicine in 2014. She continued her experience at the University of Utah Family Medicine Residency immediately following her doctoral degree until 2017.

Board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, Dr. Thaller also holds a state medical license in both Oregon and Washington.

Willapa Harbor Hospital has also announced the addition of Alford to Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic. Working alongside Dr. Steven Hill, Alford serves as an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP).

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With primary responsibility for patient care, Alford can examine and diagnose patients; admit, manage and discharge patients to and from healthcare facilities; order diagnostic exams; prescribe medication and therapies; as well as refer patients to specialists.

“Outstanding medical care means being able to focus on each patient,” Alford says. “My goal here is to be a caregiver who maximizes patient outcomes while improving access to quality healthcare.”

Alford has an extensive educational background. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., and a Master of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Alford’s academic background is strengthened with the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) certification.

Dr. Thaller is seeing patients at the Pacific Family Health Center. For appointments, please call 360-875-5579. Alford is seeing patients at Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic. To schedule appointments with her, please call 360-875-4502.

For more information about local medical providers and healthcare services, please visit www.willapaharborhospital.com.

About Willapa Harbor Hospital

Founded in 1954, Willapa Harbor Hospital serves the healthcare needs of north Pacific County residents. The hospital offers a wealth of medical services, including in-patient care, a Level IV 24-hour trauma center and advanced radiology services (including CT, MRIs and mammograms), an outpatient lab, social services, minor surgical services, patient education and more. Pacific Family Health Center and Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic are medical clinics that are also operated by Willapa Harbor Hospital. For more information, please visit www.willapaharborhospital.com.

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