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**Intensivists Join Medical Staff at St. Bernards**

Drs. Katie DeFore and Kal Khasawneh have joined the medical staff at St. Bernards as intensivists.

Both come to Jonesboro from private practice in Norton, Va.

DeFore earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. After serving an internal medicine internship at Palmetto Health at the University of South Carolina at Columbia, she completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She then completed a pulmonary disease fellowship at UAMS.

She was in private practice in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine at Community Physicians Norton.

DeFore is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Khasawneh earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology and served an internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He completed a pulmonary and critical care medicine fellowship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

He was in private practice in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Norton,

Va., Community Hospital before moving to Jonesboro. Prior to that he practiced pulmonary and critical care medicine at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, serving as medical director of that facility’s respiratory care department and as medical director for the Consortium for Respiratory Care Education at Arkansas State University in Mountain Home.

Khasawneh is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease and critical care medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

DeFore and Khasawneh join Dr. Don Howard in the St. Bernards intensivist program. Intensivists are physicians who dedicate their careers to being exclusively inside the hospital to direct the care of very sick patients, especially those who are in intensive care units.

All the St. Bernards intensivists are members of HMG (Healthcare Medical Group) and SHARP (St. Bernards Healthcare Regional Associated Providers.)

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