



Health System's Camden Campus Partners With Brooks Rehabilitation

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: Jan. 11, 2008 – Southeast Georgia Health System officials have announced that Brooks Rehabilitation was selected to provide inpatient and outpatient physical and occupational therapy for patients at Southeast Georgia Health System's Camden Campus in St. Marys, Georgia. Speech therapy services will continue to be provided by the hospital staff. The new partnership went into effect on Jan. 1, 2008, said Howard Sepp, vice president, administrator of the Camden Campus. Brooks began providing these services at the System's Brunswick Campus, St. Simons Immediate Care Center, and McIntosh Family Medicine Center in January 2007.

"Partnering with an expert specialty provider like Brooks will enable us to further enhance our services. Since we have enjoyed a longstanding and successful relationship with Brooks in the form of Cooperative Healthcare Services, an outpatient rehabilitation service that we formed with them in 2002, and they began providing services in Brunswick, St. Simons, and Darien last year, establishing this newest partnership is a perfect fit for us and our mission to provide quality health care here in Camden County," Sepp said. "Brooks is well known and highly respected throughout the Southeast and they mirror our standard of excellence. We also look forward to working with our new Physical Therapy Manager April Emerson, a physical therapist who has been with the Health System a number of years."

In addition to providing rehabilitation services at the Health System, Brooks, a Jacksonville based non-profit, owns a 143-bed acute physical rehabilitation hospital in Jacksonville, and operates 24 outpatient rehabilitation clinics in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. "We were very excited last year to expand our partnership with Southeast Georgia Health System and are thrilled to be able to expand this relationship further by providing services at the Camden Campus," said Doug Baer, president and CEO of Brooks Rehabilitation. "It allows patients in Camden County and the surrounding area to benefit from our proven therapies and treatments and from our cutting-edge rehabilitation research."

In addition to the new partnership with Southeast Georgia Health System, Brooks has a relationship with the Christopher Reeve Foundation and frequently contributes to community health initiatives, including providing grants Baptist Health, St. Vincent's Health System, Flagler Hospital, UF& Shands Health Care and the Mayo Clinic for the purpose of supporting the healthcare facilities, equipment and capital needed to provide new and expanded health services to the community they serve.

In order to make the changeover as seamless as possible, Brooks has employed the existing staff at Camden, which includes six clinicians and one support staff person.

About Brooks

Serving the community for more than 35 years, Brooks has a long-standing tradition of providing quality inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Their 143-bed acute physical rehab hospital is unique in the region with a highly trained staff and an unmatched range of services. They offer an extensive network of outpatient centers as well as a cutting-edge research facility implemented in collaboration with the University of Florida, which allow them to provide the best continuum of care possible to the communities

they serve. As a non-profit health system, Brooks is deeply dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the health of the community. Brooks is more than rehabilitation. It's about being you again.

About Southeast Georgia Health System

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit healthcare system with multiple locations and services. The System has served the residents and visitors to the beautiful Golden Isles of Coastal Georgia and surrounding areas of Southeast Georgia since 1888. Headquartered in the historic port city of Brunswick, the System serves the healthcare needs of residents from eight counties in southeast Georgia - Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, and Wayne. For more information call 912-466-7000 or visit www.sghs.org.

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