

Shore Medical Group Announces Board Members

The following physicians make up the balance of the new medical group's inaugural board of directors: Michael Tooke, M.D., Chief Medical Officer Thomas Lubeski, D.O., FACOS, Wound Specialist, Shore Wound Care Khalid Kurtom, M.D., Neurosurgeon, Chesapeake Neurological Surgery Timothy Shanahan, D.O., Cardiologist, Chesapeake Cardiology Ahmed Gawad, M.D., Pediatrician, Shore Pediatrics Christopher Runz, D.O., Urologist, Shore Comprehensive Urology Kim Herman, M.D., Primary Care/Family Practice

The Board's role is to provide leadership, unifying group and individual practice initiatives, with the support of four committees including a Quality of Care Committee, chaired by Dr. Kurtom; Information Technology Committee, chaired by Dr. Herman; Finance Committee, chaired by Walter Zajac, CFO; and an Operations Committee, chaired by Jerry Walsh, COO. The Board committees consist of physicians, Administration, medical practice coordinators and medical office coordinators. .

Jonathan Cook, Vice President for Physician Services, states that the board aims to work with the physicians "to improve and advance the services and programs we provide to our patients, as well as strengthen relationships and partnerships with the clinical staff and the community." He went on to add "by establishing this new board, this confirms the commitment of the hospital and the physicians on collaborating to enhance the care under the new affordable care act."

"Shore Health's future will rely on more physician influence and better interfaces between inpatient and outpatient care," said Ken Kozel, President and CEO Shore Health. "We believe that a sincere and high level of commitment from everyone will allow our organization to continue moving forward and will serve the best interest of our patients."

Shore Medical Group (SMG) is a 40 member multi-specialty physician practice of Shore Health, representing the specialties of acute rehabilitation; breast surgery; cardiology; family medicine; gynecology; internal medicine; nephrology; neurology; neurological surgery; otolaryngology (ENT); pain management; palliative care; pediatrics; surgical services; urology; and wound care. The SMG was established in 1994 when several family medicine practices first joined together under the health system to form Shore Clinical Foundation.

Photo: The Shore Medical Group Board of Directors, back row, left to right are Kim Herman, MD; Thomas Lubeski, DO; Timothy Shanahan, DO; Walter Zajac, Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for Shore Health; Stephen Bartlett, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine and University of Maryland Medical Center; Jonathan Cook, Vice President for Physician Services; Christopher Runz, DO; Jerry Walsh, Chief Operating Officer for Shore Health; and Marlene Feldman, Board Member, Shore Health System Board. Front row, left to right, are Michael Tooke, MD, Chief Medical Officer; Khalid Kurtom, MD; Ahmed Gawad, MD; and Ken Kozel, President and CEO for Shore Health.