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Doshier announces telemedicine program for Patient Care Unit

SOUTHPORT—Doshier Memorial Hospital is partnering with Eagle Telemedicine to provide a physician overnight to examine inpatients in the hospital's 25-bed, Patient Care Unit via a secure online connection.

“Our physician leaders and administration researched this type of program and were impressed with the way Eagle physicians interact with patients as well as hospital physicians, nurses and technicians,” Doshier hospitalist Dr. Raymond Schmoke says. “This service is a winner, especially for a rural hospital like Doshier.”

“Doshier is known for compassionate and personalized bedside care and this is reflected in our consistently high patient satisfaction scores. Now, we’re taking a step into the high-tech side of healthcare,” Sara Harris, lead RN, Patient Care Unit, says. “Based on examples from other hospitals that use this program, we expect our patients will be impressed.”

Doshier demonstrated the program that included a remote appearance by Dr. Jayne Lee, chief medical officer for Eagle Telemedicine, who was in Paris, France at the time.

Dr. Schmoke or another hospitalist, Dr. William Meacham, will continue to examine Doshier inpatients 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week. A physician from Eagle will do so the other 12 hours each day. A Doshier nurse will be on hand for each telemedicine exam.

“It’s great to be able to offer our patients and community access to such highly trained physicians who devote all their time caring for complicated, hospitalized patients,” Doshier Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brad Hilaman says.

Telemedicine services at Doshier are scheduled to begin on December 12. Read more about Doshier health and wellness services at www.Doshier.org.

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About Eagle Telemedicine

Eagle Telemedicine is a physician-led healthcare organization that brings physicians in a variety of specialties to hospitals and patients, regardless of location. Eagle was founded in 2008 and is based in Atlanta. Read more at www.EagleTelemedicine.com.

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(L-r) Dosher Hospitalist Dr. Raymond Schmoke, Eagle Telemedicine Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jayne Lee (on monitor), and lead RN for the Dosher Patient Care Unit Sara Harris brief the news media on the telemedicine program starting at Dosher on December 12.