

Stephens County Hospital Chief Executive Officer

Van Loskoski

#### The next few months are going to be an exciting time for our organization and our community.

The hospital is undergoing several renovations which will include a revitalized Emergency Department and aesthetic renovations to our General Surgery Clinic in the Surgical Pavilion. We have also commenced work renovating all six of our Operating Rooms targeting a late summer/early fall completion date thanks to a grant awarded directly to our hospital from the United States Congress.

We are also in the last stages of construction for our new Orthopedic Surgery Clinic on Big A Road next to Planet Fitness, as well as our School-based Health Center located on the campus of Stephens County High School.

Growth is always exciting, but also presents challenges. To help us meet this challenges, we're very pleased to welcome a new Chief Nursing Officer to our organization, Dr. Cheryl Jacobs who joined SCH in May of this year. We have also welcomed a new cardiologist, Dr. Mark Matthews, to our hospital's Medical Staff. Dr. Matthews began seeing patients in the Northside Hospital Heart Institute location on our hospital campus in July and also providing care directly to patients in the hospital. This much needed service has been years in development and we're very excited to have partnered with Northside expanding the access to cardiac care in our region.

I would like to commend the hard work of the healthcare professionals at Stephens County Hospital, the #1 Ranked Small Hospital in Georgia, for making this all possible.



#### ANNOUNCING



NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL HEART INSTITUTE

#### New to the neighborhood!

Dr. Mark Matthews is a board-certified physician in cardiovascular disease. He specializes in the latest in noninvasive cardiovascular imaging, such as nuclear cardiology and TEE as well as 3D Echocardiography. Dr. Matthews' clinical interests also include valvular heart disease and cardiovascular disease prevention.



Mark A. Matthews, MD General Cardiology

He believes in a patient-centered approach to cardiovascular care, and will spend the necessary time to help his patients navigate their difficult clinical problems and get on a path to optimal cardiovascular health. Dr. Matthews prioritizes staying on top of the newest therapies and clinical trials in his rapidly developing field and maintaining good communication with his patients and their primary care physicians. In his free time, Dr. Matthews enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, traveling, and F1 racing. Dr. Matthews has joined the medical staff at Stephens County Hospital and is rounding on our cardiac patients and providing consults inside the hospital. He has office hours at the Northside Hospital Heart Institute Clinic on our campus. This clinic opened on July 1st.

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THURSDAY August 14, 2025 10:00am - 1:00pm 230 Hospital Drive Toccoa, GA 30577

Light Refreshments | Tour Facility

northside.com/heart



it's still



The best time to focus on your health and well-being by scheduling an appointment with one of our Primary Care Providers!



Dr. Jim Wade



**Dr. Robert Quick** 



**Charlotte Griffith, NP** 



Tommy Small, NP



Margaret L. Singer, NP

### Stay Healthy This Summer: Schedule Your Seasonal Checkup

The warmer months bring unique challenges – from prolonged sun exposure to dehydration and heatrelated illnesses – making a routine checkup with your primary care provider more important than ever.

A summer health check ensures you're in top shape to enjoy the season's activities. During your visit, your doctor will assess your overall health, review any recent changes, and update important information such as vaccinations. It's also a great time to get advice tailored to summer concerns, like preventing skin issues, managing allergies, and protecting against insect bites.

Summer checkups are especially vital for individuals with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease. High temperatures and humidity can worsen symptoms, so your doctor may adjust your treatment plan, offer guidance on staying cool and hydrated, and make sure you're stocked up on medications.

Beyond managing conditions, your doctor can offer personalized tips on sun safety, nutrition, and hydration to help you feel your best throughout the season.

Routine health checkups are key to staying well yearround—and summer is a great time to take action. Prioritize your health now, and enjoy everything the season has to offer with confidence and peace of mind.

# Book your summer checkup today—and make your health a priority this season.

#### No primary care provider? We can help!

Click the link below to learn more about our primary care services.

https://stephenscountyhospital.com/ services/sch-physician-group/ internal-medicine/



## WorkWell Immediate Care

We are pleased to welcome Margaret L. Singer, Nurse Practitioner, to our team at WorkWell Immediate Care, where she joined us in April of this year.

Margaret brings with her over 20 years of experience in Family Medicine, providing compassionate, evidence-based care to patients of all ages. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Brenau University in 1998 and went on to receive her advanced training at the prestigious Duke University School of Medicine, graduating with honors in 2005.

Her depth of clinical experience and commitment to patientcentered care make her a valuable addition to our growing team.

We are excited for our patients and community to benefit from her expertise. To learn more about WorkWell Immediate Care Clinic click here:

https://stephenscountyhospital.com/services/occupational-health-community-wellness/



Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation



Graduation Dinner Celebration to celebrate those who completed the program!

To learn more about our Cardiac or Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program click the links below: https://stephenscountyhospital.com/.../cardiac.../ https://stephenscountyhospital.com/.../pulmonary.../

## **Opening in August!**



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