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Photo: Justin Wallace, MD, MS, FSVS, RPVI

INDEPENDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM WELCOMES VASCULAR SURGEON AND GROWS CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICE LINE

Butler, PA, February 7, 2024... Independence Health System welcomes Justin Wallace, MD, MS, FSVS, RPVI to the cardiovascular team of Butler Memorial and Clarion Hospitals.

Dr. Wallace was a successful vascular surgeon at the Greensburg campus of Independence Health System for several years prior to transitioning to Butler. He is a board-certified vascular surgeon with more than a decade of experience practicing general vascular surgery with open and endovascular interventions, diagnosing and treating peripheral vascular disease, and wound care.

“I am pleased to join Butler’s skilled and compassionate cardiovascular surgical team and provide guidance & support to folks in the region with vascular disease,” said Dr. Wallace. “The support to grow and serve the community is very exciting.”

Dr. Wallace received his medical degree and completed his clinical rotations at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He then completed a vascular surgery internship and residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, being selected as an Administrative Chief Fellow for his leadership skills. Dr. Wallace received a Master of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh for clinical research. He has a particular interest in carotid disease, limb salvage, and AV fistulas/grafts for dialysis. In addition, he treats conditions such as aneurysms of the descending aorta, abdomen, and extremities, venous disease and lymphedema, peripheral artery disease, and renal/mesenteric artery issues. Dr. Wallace is a Fellow of the Society for Vascular Surgery and a Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Wallace resides near Butler County with his wife and three children. Dr. Wallace is accepting patients at the following locations: 127 Oneida Valley Road, Butler, and 330 North Point Drive, Clarion. A new location will soon be offered in New Castle. To schedule an appointment, call 844-282-4370.

Independence Health System offers patients a robust cardiovascular program, beginning with medical management of heart disease by noninvasive cardiologists, device implantation and minimally invasive repairs by interventional cardiologists, and leading-edge robot-assisted surgery performed by cardiac and thoracic surgeons. Program honors include national recognition by the Society for Thoracic Surgeons, the American Heart/Stroke Association, the American College of Cardiology and US News, among others. Such recognition assures adherence to the highest clinical standards and results in shortened procedures, less post-operative recovery time and less risk for complications.

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Nationally recognized for quality care, Independence Health System comprises Butler Memorial, Clarion, Frick, Latrobe and Westmoreland Hospitals with a combined bed count of 925. With more than 1,000 physicians and advanced practice providers and 7,300 employees, the System is now the third largest in western Pennsylvania serving a population base of 750,000 in a footprint spanning more than 10 counties.

The System includes tertiary programs that are rated among America's best for cardiac care and surgery by Healthgrades in its Top 100 and Top 50 designations, and one of only five in Pennsylvania to achieve a five-star rating in cardiac surgery. In similar fashion, the prestigious Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) bestowed its top three-star rating. Historically, less than 10 percent of programs within the STS data base achieve this elite standing. The hospitals of Independence Health System also have earned a host of accolades from such prestigious outlets and sources as US News and World Report, Newsweek Magazine, the American College of Radiology, the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Surgeons, the Joint Commission, Leapfrog and the American Heart/Stroke Association.

Locally owned and locally controlled, Independence Health System offers its patients low-cost, high-quality care across the care spectrum in such specialties as cardiology, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, women's health and obstetrics, emergency medicine, behavioral health and primary care. Its network of outpatient centers sees more than 1.2 million visits annually. The homecare division further supports patients at all stages of life with home health and hospice services.

Independence Health System continues to change the healthcare landscape in western Pennsylvania by meeting patient needs through superb physician expertise, outstanding nursing, the latest in technology and programmatic depth.