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INDEPENDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM WELCOMES RESIDENCY GRADUATE INTO FAMILY MEDICINE PRACTICE AT FRICK

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA, August 1, 2023 ...Independence Health System is pleased to welcome Abigail Casey, DO, to Frick Family Medicine as an attending physician. Dr. Casey is no stranger to the patients in this practice, as she was assigned there for her three years of residency training.

A 2023 graduate of the Latrobe Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Casey completed her undergraduate degree at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, and earned her medical degree through Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In describing her experiences as a resident physician within the health system, Dr. Casey said, "Since my early days of training, I knew I would like to make my home, and continue to practice medicine, here in the area. I am continually amazed by the kindness, fortitude and spirit of the people in this region and it is my honor to be able to start practicing here. I am thrilled to be seeing patients at Frick Family Medicine, while simultaneously contributing to the training of medical students and residents as part of the teaching faculty for our residency program through Latrobe Hospital."

As a care provider, Dr. Casey sees patients of all ages and endeavors to help

them maintain their health through disease prevention and wellness initiatives. She has a special interest in treating anxiety and depression.

An avid reader and gardener, Dr. Casey enjoys hiking and kayaking and exploring the area's farmers markets.

Dr. Casey's team at Frick Family Medicine includes resident physician Taylor Matlas, DO. They can be reached at 724-547-4536.

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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.