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Douglas T. Arbour
Chief Executive Officer

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It's no secret that the U.S. economy is at the lowest point in recent memory. While healthcare certainly isn't immune to these problems, I assure you that Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center (SVRMC) is secure, and we'll be here to provide quality health-care to you and your family

throughout these difficult financial times.

With so much to think about, I'm happy to share with you some of the very positive things that are going on at SVRMC.

ADVANCED CARE

In January, our cardiopulmonary services department received an updated peripheral arterial vascular unit used to diagnose peripheral artery disease. Called VasoGuard, the unit will be used to provide upper- and lower-extremity arterial studies, including pulse volume recordings and ankle-brachial indexes. Our board-certified radiologist, Howard Hightower, M.D., will interpret these valuable studies.

The cardiopulmonary services department also recently earned the Quality Respiratory Care Recognition aimed at helping patients and families make informed decisions about the quality of respiratory care available in hospitals. Started in 2003 by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), this designation identifies facilities that use qualified respiratory therapists to provide respiratory care and ensure patient safety by agreeing to adhere to a strict set of criteria governed by the AARC.

LAB SERVICES

In February, our laboratory had an unscheduled survey by The Joint Commission and was awarded full accreditation. During this strenuous three-day process, The Joint Commission surveyor traced patients who received services in our laboratory throughout the continuum of care.

CUSTOMER SERVICE FOCUSED

At SVRMC, we continue to put great emphasis on customer service. During the fourth quarter of 2008 and early 2009, our focus has been on our emergency department (ED). Changes you may have noticed include our ED nurses rounding on patients every half hour and post-discharge phone calls to check in with our patients who were discharged. Through these efforts, we've experienced a significant increase in the percentage of patients who would definitely recommend our ED to their friends and family.

Updated equipment, recognitions of the services we provide by nationally renowned organizations and continually improved customer service—just a few reasons to choose SVRMC as your healthcare provider.

Sincerely,

Douglas T. Arbour
Chief Executive Officer
Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center

Family practice is the family business



When most people think about a family business, medicine isn't the first thing that comes to mind. Not so with the Squire family. In 1992, family medicine became the family business when Robert Hall Squire, M.D., joined Prince Squire Medical Center, a practice his father, Peter Squire, M.D., and partner John Prince, Sr., M.D., opened in 1953.



PETER SQUIRE, M.D.

Born in Fairmont, W.Va., Dr. P. Squire and his family moved to Greenville County. During World War II, Dr. Squire earned the ensign rank in the Amphibious Forces, Pacific Theater. In 1943, he entered Hampden-Sydney College (HSC) in Hampden-

Sydney and joined the U.S. Naval Reserve. He earned his bachelor's degree from HSC in 1948 and his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia in 1952. In 1953, Dr. Squire completed his internship at Stuart Circle Hospital and opened Prince Squire Medical Center with Dr. Prince. At that time, family practice wasn't an officially recognized specialty. A board didn't govern general practitioners (physicians who provide general care). In 1969, the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) was born, and family practice was officially recognized as the 20th primary medical specialty. Dr. Squire earned his status as a Diplomate of the board in 1971.

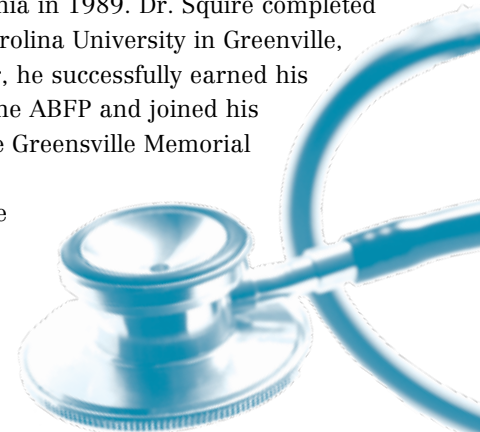


ROBERT HALL SQUIRE, M.D.

Dr. R. H. Squire has lived his entire life in the Emporia/Greenville community. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science in 1981 and a bachelor's degree in biology in 1982 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg. He continued

his studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond before earning his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1989. Dr. Squire completed his residency at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., in 1992. That year, he successfully earned his status as Diplomate of the ABFP and joined his father's practice and the Greenville Memorial Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Squire is an active member of the SVRMC medical staff, where he's physician advisor. He and his wife, Molly, have three sons and live in Lake Gaston, N.C.



! Make an appointment!

To make an appointment with Peter Squire, M.D., or Robert Hall Squire, M.D., call (434) 634-4148.



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