

## Welcome To SouthCoast Health



Sandra Jones, DNP

### Sandra Jones joins Department of Pediatrics

Sandra "Sandy" Jones is a family nurse practitioner, board certified by the ANCC. She received her Doctorate in Nursing in 2014 from the University of Florida. Dr. Jones is currently a full time professor and program director for South University School of Nursing's graduate program and is the head of South's pediatrics department in Savannah. She is originally from Jupiter, Florida, and received bachelors degrees from the University of Miami and the University of Florida, followed by a graduate degree at the University of Florida (GO GATORS!). She lives in Richmond Hill with her husband Jared, and son Landry Carter (16 months). Hobbies include traveling, currently working on learning Spanish, scuba diving and spending time with family. Sandy is excited to be joining the SouthCoast family and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.



Linda La Force, PA

#### **Linda La Force joins Department of Nephrology**

Linda La Force grew up in Rockford, Michigan. She received her BS in Biology from the University of Illinois in Chicago and her Masters in Physician Assistant from South University. She has practiced in Neurosurgery and Hospital Medicine and looks forward to working with our Nephrology team.

Linda has lived in many places, she currently lives on Hilton Head Island with her husband. She loves traveling, yoga, running, painting and cooking.



Kerri Cook, ANP-BC

#### Keri Cook joins Department of Internal Medicine, Hinesville, Dr. Bannout

Kerri Cook is a longtime resident of Richmond Hill, Georgia. She was raised in Toledo, Ohio, where she attained her BSN in 1998. Soon after, she moved to Georgia with the loves of her life-husband Keith and daughter Kaley. Kerri worked locally at St. Joseph's neuro ICU for many years. She attended Armstrong State University's Master of Science in Nursing, Adult Nurse Practitioner program, graduating at the top of her class in 2010.

Kerri previously practiced with SouthCoast Internal Medicine with Dr. Bannout for 4 years, then in integrative health and dermatology for 2 years before returning to SouthCoast.

Kerri enjoys fitness, boating, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family.

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## Looking to move up without moving out???

... check out some of the job openings available right here at

- Manager of Quality Initiatives
- Accountant
- Nurse Practitioner-Peds
- Clinical Coordinator-Cardiology
- PRN Pharmacist
- Rad Tech
- Patient Representative Chatham Ctr.

- MA-Float/Peds
- MA-Pooler/Bldg. 1/Chatham Ctr.
- Lab Assistant-Richmond Hill Peds
- PRN Lab Assistant
- PRN LPN-Baxley
- Referral Specialist-Richmond Hill 89

#### SCH Condolences

Deborah L. White was one of the gentlest souls one may ever come across in life and was undoubtedly an incredible force to be reckoned with. Faith permeated every aspect of her life and made her an exceptional human being. Her actions spoke louder than her words, and those words were always kind. When she needed something, she knew exactly who to ask in order to achieve her objective in the shortest, fastest, most effective way.

If you were new to the team, rests assured you would be greeted with a loving smile and open arms and taught everything she knew. She was your biggest cheerleader and had a way of making everyone feel like an integral part of the team. No matter how busy or stressful the day may have been, it was impossible to do anything but smile when greeted with her famous saying... "Hey sugar sugar." Her laughter was contagious, and even when you weren't able to accomplish the task, she always "knew" you'd given it your best.

Deb was and will forever be one of SouthCoast Health's most valuable assets. She dedicated 20 years of her life to the notion of helping others and loved being a part of their evolution. Knowing her not only made us better employees but knowing her gave us hope and inspired us to be better human beings.

You will forever be missed, but never forgotten

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."

Submitted by Danielle Freeman

## Employee Spotlight

Kimberlee, a Lab Assistant in our RH 89 location, shines as our spotlight employee for displaying incomparable integrity, ethical conduct and concern for our patient's health and wellbeing. When faced with a difficult situation that could have had a direct negative impact on a patient she immediately reported the problem to the manager. A BIG THANK YOU and KUDOS to you Kimberlee!



### Up Coming Events...



## IRS Urges Taxpayers to Check Their Withholding; New Factors Increase Importance of Mid-Year Check Up

The Internal Revenue Service today encouraged taxpayers to consider a mid-year tax withholding checkup following several new factors that could affect their refunds in 2017. Taking a closer look at the taxes being withheld can help ensure the right amount is withheld, either for tax refund purposes or to avoid an unexpected tax bill next year.



The withholding review takes on even more importance this year given a new tax law change that requires the IRS to hold refunds a few weeks for some early filers in 2017 claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Additional Child Tax Credit. In addition, the IRS and state tax administrators continue to strengthen identity theft and refund fraud protections, which means some tax returns could again face additional review time next year to protect against fraud.

By adjusting the Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, taxpayers can ensure that the right amount is taken out of their pay throughout the year so that they don't pay too much tax and have to wait until they file their tax return to get any refund. Employers use the form to figure the amount of federal income tax to be withheld from pay.

When considering refund issues, the IRS wants taxpayers to be aware several factors could affect the timing of their tax refunds next year.

A major change will affect some early tax filers claiming two key credits who won't see their refunds until after Feb. 15.

Beginning in 2017, a new law requires the IRS to hold refunds on tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until mid-February. Under the change required by Congress in the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, the IRS must hold the entire refund – even the portion not associated with the EITC

and ACTC -- until at least Feb. 15. This change helps ensure that taxpayers get the refund they are owed by giving the agency more time to help detect and prevent fraud.

IRS Withholding Calculator - https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator

- Online tool helps determine the correct amount of tax to withhold.

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Lauren Givens Melissa Griffin -Marshlick Margaret Landrito-Barfield Claudia Rayas-Villatoro Caleb Davis Jessica Brady Mary D'Ottavio Christina Deloach

#### 3 Years

Theresa Curry

#### 4 Years

Tyra Lynn Peron Scott

#### 5 Years

Dr. Adam Novack Erica Roberts

#### 6 Years

Dawn DeCamp

#### 8 Years

Diana Garcia Cara Martin Mary Buck

### 9 Years

Julie Wammock

#### 10 Years

Dr. Andrew Wade Janet Speicher

#### 12 Years

Dr. Micah Riegner Dr. Nelson Elam Carmen Sumlin

#### 13 Years

Dr. Bhavesh Pater Sharon Gibbons Christine Johnson

#### 14 Years

Ann Pritchett Delphine Kelly Naomi Roberts Chris Curry Pam Barker

#### 19 Years

Dr. Julio Cortes Dr. Joe Griffin Dr. Hiem Thong Tammie Walz

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