## Southcoast Health Announces Dr. Christian Pope as New Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Southcoast Health announced today that the not-for-profit community health system has named Christian S. Pope, DO, FACOG Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

A long-standing medical staff member at St. Luke's Hospital, Dr. Pope specializes in providing high-quality women's health care with clinical interests in medical complications of pregnancy, along with teaching and education in the field.

"For the past 19 years, I have had the opportunity of serving the community at St. Luke's," Dr. Pope said. "Since graduating from residency, I have established a large community of patients and am now helping care for the next generation. I've been able to successfully do this with the collaboration of my colleagues, nurses and staff alike. While continuing medical care, I am honored to be given the privilege to be the Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology for Southcoast Health, where I plan to continue our organization's mission and commitment to providing excellent comprehensive women's health care."

Dr. Pope earned his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following his medical internship at Eastern Maine Medical Center, he completed his medical education with residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., through Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

"We are delighted to announce Dr. Pope's new role at Southcoast Health," said Ray Kruger, MD, FACS, President and CEO of Southcoast Health. "With his clinical expertise,

experience and leadership, we believe Dr. Pope will help Southcoast Health continue to advance our Obstetrics & Gynecology services and continue to provide exceptional care to patients in our region."

In addition to his role at Southcoast Health, Dr. Pope serves on the Faculty at Brown University School of Medicine, where he teaches at the Women and Infant's Hospital in Providence, RI as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Dr. Pope has authored articles in notable peer-reviewed journals and books. He serves as an editorial reviewer for the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, while also serving as a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

He is also a contributing member in several organizations and societies such as The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Society of Reproductive Medicine, The Massachusetts Medical Society and The Society of Critical Care Medicine.

To learn more about Obstetrics & Gynecology at Southcoast Health, please visit Southcoast Health Obstetrics & Gynecology.