## Southcoast Health Announces New Physician in Chief of Surgical Services

Dennis LaRock, MD, has accepted the position of Physician in Chief of Surgical Services at Southcoast Health, officials announced this week.

In this role, Dr. LaRock will oversee the surgical departments of the Brain and Spine Center, Ear Nose and Throat services, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedics, Plastics, Thoracic Surgery, Trauma and Urology at Southcoast Health.

"Dr. LaRock brings extensive experience managing private practices and a strong dedication to working within the South Coast region, including over 24 years of clinical experience at Southcoast Health," said Dr. Ray Kruger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southcoast Health in an internal letter.

"Serving in various leadership positions throughout his tenure, Dr. LaRock has continuously demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our patients, staff and community. With his leadership, I am confident that each of our surgical specialties, and the Surgery Care Center overall, will be well positioned for growth and clinical advancement."

Dr. LaRock will remain clinically active with outpatient offices in Fairhaven and Fall River, and will continue performing surgical cases in Southcoast Hospital Group (SHG) facilities. In addition, Dr. LaRock will continue to co-manage the Southcoast Provider Group (SPG) Urology practice, along with Dr. John Carroll.

"I am honored to accept this new position at Southcoast Health

and continue serving the South Coast region," said Dr. LaRock, Physician in Chief of Surgical Services at Southcoast Health. "In this role, I am excited to continue working to advance Southcoast Health services in support of our mission to provide exceptional care, close to home, for all members of the community."

Dr. LaRock is board certified in adult and pediatric urology and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Urology. He currently sees patients at the Southcoast Health outpatient offices in Fairhaven and Fall River, performing surgical cases in SHG facilities.

To learn more about Dr. LaRock please click here.