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Cynthia Hite Joins Ochiltree General Hospital as Chief Nursing Officer

Healthcare professional brings years of industry and leadership experience to local hospital.

PERRYTON, Texas (Nov. 11, 2015) – Ochiltree General Hospital (OGH) has announced the recent appointment of Cynthia Hite as chief nursing officer. Leading the 27-person nursing crew at the community hospital, Hite brings a fresh approach to Ochiltree General Hospital nursing services.

“As the result of a comprehensive candidate search, performed by a professional recruiting consultant, we’re very pleased to have found Cindy , who brings not only the credentials the organization sought , but also the traits that are essential to the position,” explains Robert A. Pascasio, FACHE; Administrator/CEO of OGH. “Cynthia’s broad and diverse background in nursing leadership positions reinforces our commitment to delivering compassionate, quality care here in Perryton.”

As chief nursing officer, Ms. Hite is responsible for the oversight of Nursing Services, Pharmacy, Respiratory Therapy, Quality & Utilization Review and Dietary & Housekeeping services. Her duties also include; as a member of Pascasio’s senior leadership team, the professional implementation of the hospital’s policies and procedures, ensuring that patients are being cared for in accordance with professional, clinical and quality standards.

Having most recently lived in Clinton, Okla., Ms. Hite comes to Perryton with an all-encompassing background in healthcare, having previously served as chief nursing officer at facilities such as Clinton Regional Hospital in Clinton, Okla.; CNO and Chief Quality Officer at Uvalde Memorial Hospital in Uvalde, Texas; and CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Kleberg in Kingsville, Texas.

As a nursing leader, Hite has had a unique and comprehensive education. She’s currently completing the final semester of her Master of Science degree in Nursing with an emphasis on Health Care Systems Management from Loyola University New Orleans.

Hite’s undergraduate work includes a bachelor’s degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where she graduated magna cum laude. She also has an associate degree in nursing from Eastern New Mexico University.

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“My first impression of Perryton is that this is a community that I know I’m going to love being part of,” Hite says. “The people here have been so generous and welcoming. After a few weeks on the job, Ochiltree General Hospital already feels like home, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to be working with such a talented team.”

According to Pascasio, Hite is joining a team of highly skilled professional nurses who have been cross-trained not only in general nursing but also in obstetrics and emergency medicine.

“We have 100 percent of our nursing staff that are certified in three key categories: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS),” Pascasio explains. “This is very unusual for any hospital, let alone one in a rural community. With that said, you can imagine we’re not only proud of our nursing team, but grateful to have a staff with such skill and expertise.”

About Ochiltree General Hospital

Ochiltree General Hospital provides healthcare for residents of Ochiltree County. Founded in 1967, Ochiltree General Hospital is a 25-bed healthcare facility that offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services (including CT scanning and MRIs), an outpatient lab, surgical services, physical rehabilitation, assisted living, CrossRoads, home health and hospice services, and more. For additional information, please visit www.ochiltreehospital.com.

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