



Ana Hall and Lyndsey Schmit trained for several weeks at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital to prepare for their new roles as pediatric ED Observation nurses at Winter Haven Hospital.

Around BayCare Polk

Hello! Below are some highlights of the happenings around Bartow Regional Medical Center, Winter Haven Hospital and Winter Haven Women's Hospital and other BayCare properties in Polk County. Please credit BayCare Health System if you reproduce any of the items below in your publications. If you would like more information about any of the items below, feel free to reach out to Nafari Morris at 863-514-6388 or nafari.morris@baycare.org.

BayCare Expands Pediatric Emergency Care at Winter Haven Hospital

Winter Haven Hospital is outfitting some areas of its Emergency Department with kid-friendly designs and adding pediatric emergency department observation services and telehealth support. Three ER treatment rooms, a corner in the ER waiting room, one triage room and three emergency department observation rooms were redecorated with artwork showing underwater sea life for these expanded services. The move is the first step in new initiatives meant to address the growing need for children's services in Polk County. The rooms will officially open Oct. 21. Read more:

BMG-Winter Haven Location Welcomes New Physician

Dr. Shannon Varughese is a board-certified family medicine physician and joins the BayCare Medical Group practice at 1201 First St. S., Suite 100A in Winter Haven, where she sees patients of all ages. Dr. Varughese is deeply committed to the well-being of her patients. She provides a full range of primary care services, including osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) and treats acute and chronic medical conditions. Dr. Varughese serves as a core faculty physician for the Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at BayCare Health System in Winter Haven, where she teaches the program's resident

physicians, providing in-depth instruction in family medicine. Learn more: <https://baycare.org/doctors/shannon-varughese-1972246023>

Team Member Recognitions

- Congratulations to [Kristin Williams](#), who was a Team Member of the Month recipient at Bartow Regional Medical Center.
- [Karley Blastic](#) was a recent Team Member of the Month recipient at Winter Haven Hospital.



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