

## McLeod Health Teams Honored in Best Of Contests



The Morning News in Florence has announced the results of its annual Best of the Pee Dee contest. We are honored that their readers voted McLeod Health Best Hospital. Eight McLeod Physicians were also honored including Dr. Gary Emerson, Dr. Al Gilpin, Dr. Vinod Jona, Dr. Amy Murrell, Dr. Nicolette Naso, Dr. Michael Pavy, Dr. Timothy Spurling and Dr. Weave Whitehead. Additionally, we received: Best Place to Have a Baby, Best Hospice & Palliative Care Provider, Best Women's Health Care Center, Best Telehealth Service, Best Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialists, Best Rehabilitation Center, Best Urgent Care, Best Pediatric Endocrinology Provider, Best Physical Therapist, Best Speech Therapist, Best Exercise Studio, Best Fitness Center and Best Health Club/Gym.

The Sumter Item also announced the results of its annual Best of Clarendon contest. We are pleased to share that their readers voted McLeod Health Clarendon: Best Medical Center, Best Place to Work, Best Orthopedic Care and Best Place to Volunteer.

Additionally, we received Best Family Practice - Eagerton Family Practice; Best Pediatric Doctor - Dr. Lisa Heinrich, McLeod Primary Care Clarendon; Best Cardiologist - McLeod Cardiology Associates Clarendon; Best OB/GYN - McLeod Women's Care Clarendon; Best in Home Care - McLeod Home Health Clarendon and Best Day Spa - The Spa at McLeod Health Clarendon. In the Best of Sumter contest, Dr. Ryan Garbalosa with McLeod Cardiology Associates was voted Best Cardiologist by readers of the Sumter Item.

Earlier this year, the Dillon Herald and Dillon County Shopper announced its Best of the Best winners. Readers of these publications honored McLeod Physicians Dr. Stephen Jones, Dr. Mamdouh Mijalli and Dr. Joseph Wangeh.

The Chesterfield County News and Shopper also recognized a staff member with McLeod Health Cheraw for being Best of Chesterfield County. Their readers voted Molly Rose as Best Nurse.





# Thank You for Voting McLeod Health as Best of the Pee Dee.



**Best Hospital**  
McLeod Regional Medical Center

**Best Cardiologist**  
Dr. Nicolette Naso

**Best Gastroenterologist**  
Dr. Timothy Spurling

**Best General Surgeon**  
Dr. Amy Murrell

**Best OB/GYN**  
Dr. Gary Emerson

**Best Oncologist/Hematologist**  
Dr. Michael Pavy

**Best Orthopedist**  
Dr. Albert Gilpin

**Best Pediatrician**  
Dr. Weave Whitehead

**Best Pulmonologist**  
Dr. Vinod Jona

**Best Pediatric Endocrinology Provider**  
Lisa Woodberry, FNP

**Best Physical Therapist**  
Alicia Bigelow

**Best Speech Therapist**  
Haley Wightman

**Best Hospice & Palliative Care Provider**  
McLeod Hospice & Palliative Care

**Best Place to Have a Baby**  
McLeod Regional Medical Center

**Best Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialists**  
McLeod Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation

**Best Rehabilitation Center**  
McLeod Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation

**Best Telehealth Service**  
McLeod TeleHealth

**Best Women's Health Care Center**  
McLeod OB/GYN Associates

**Best Urgent Care**  
McLeod Urgent Care

**Best Exercise Studio & Best Fitness Center & Best Health Club/Gym**  
McLeod Health & Fitness Center

## McLeod Health

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### New Physicians

## McLeod Welcomes New Physicians

*Please click on the image to learn more about Dr. Elena Gore, McLeod OB/GYN Seacoast, and other new physicians at McLeod Health.*

*For optimal viewing, please open the Flickr album in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.*



## McLeod Health Introduces New Administrative Residents



**Ryan Anderson**

**Ryan A. Anderson, MHA,** and **William “Mac” Gandy** have joined McLeod Health as Administrative Residents. The McLeod Administrative Residency program prepares individuals for a career in healthcare with a focus on continuous improvement.

During the nine to 12-month program, the residents serve as part of the leadership team and are exposed to numerous departments within the McLeod Health system to learn healthcare operations. They also report directly to Rob Colones, President and CEO of McLeod Health.

Anderson joined the residency program in June 2020. He completed a Master of Healthcare Administration degree at Georgia Southern University in May 2020. Anderson also has a bachelor of science in biology from Georgia Southern. Prior to entering the residency program at McLeod, Anderson served as a Support Services Administrative Intern at



**William “Mac” Gandy**

Duke University Hospital in 2019. Since 2018, he has continued to work as a Graduate Assistant and Teaching Assistant for the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement at Georgia Southern. Anderson is a member of the American College of Health Executives and Upsilon Phi Delta Society.

On his recent arrival at McLeod, Anderson said, “This residency has been a wonderful opportunity for me to expand my horizons while creating positive change within the organization. I have enjoyed meeting the numerous friendly faces at McLeod while learning about all there is to offer in a healthcare system of this size. I look forward to the upcoming months and the possibilities that are in store.”

Gandy began his residency at McLeod in February 2020. A graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor of arts in history, he is currently pursuing a Master of

Public Administration at Clemson. A native of Florence, Gandy serves as a Youth Ministries Intern at First Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Clemson University Golf Club and History Club.

“I am very thankful for the opportunity to be an Administrative Resident at McLeod Health,” said Gandy. “This position has allowed me to learn more about the organization, build meaningful relationships, and serve the community that I love. I appreciate the kindness that has been displayed by everyone I have met here so far, and I appreciate their willingness to help me learn more about the organization and healthcare administration as a whole. I am looking forward to the future and seeing the ways that McLeod Health will continue to serve communities in this region.”

As Administrative Residents, Anderson and Gandy follow a structured plan that takes into consideration their healthcare experience, educational background, and the needs of the organization. Responsibilities of the residency include active participation in assigned improvement work; completion of projects as directed by their preceptor; and progress reports to senior leadership on a routine basis. They also assist with management of internal and external assessments to help determine opportunities for improvement within McLeod Health.

## Recent Administrative Resident Joins McLeod Health Team



**Evan Rabon**

Evan Rabon has been hired by McLeod Health as a Process Manager for Operational Effectiveness. He joins the McLeod team following completion of the McLeod Administrative Residency.

Rabon served as a Resident from May 2019 to May 2020. A graduate of Coastal Carolina University with a bachelor of arts in history, Rabon recently completed a Master of Business Administration at Coastal Carolina. He was also a kicker/punter for the Coastal Carolina football team from 2015 to 2018.

A native of Timmonsville, Rabon studied national intelligence and security/history in Greece and Cyprus in 2017. He has also completed mission work in Veracruz, Mexico; Seattle, Washington; Dublin, Ireland and Denver, Colorado.

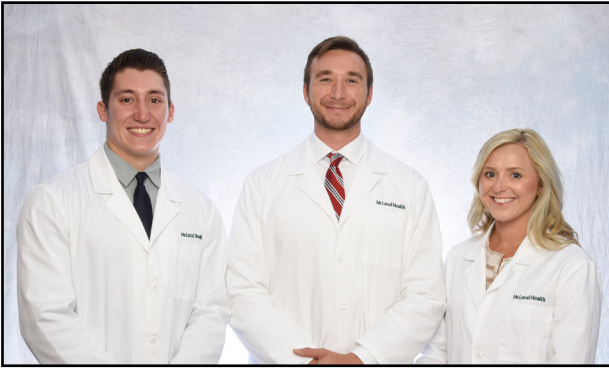
As part of his work in Operational Effectiveness, Rabon has earned the Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification. Operational Effectiveness is designed to eliminate waste through a systematic approach of understanding what the patient values and how best to deliver that service in the most efficient process. In his role as Process Manager, Rabon is trained to develop better processes that enhance the services and outcomes of McLeod.

On his completion of the administrative residency at McLeod, Rabon said, “The residency has taught me there are

many people who contribute to creating the patient experience. The experiences from my residency and the people that I was able to work with along the way, gave me the insight to better understand the complexity that comes with creating the patient experience. I believe that this residency has given me understanding and awareness to always put the patient first.”

Rabon is also honored to have joined the McLeod team full-time. “My mother was a patient at McLeod before passing away in September of 2014 to breast cancer. For me to be able to have the opportunity to work with the organization that cared so well for my mother in her final year is very personal to me. Being local to Florence, South Carolina, I realize the impact that McLeod has on the community and to be a part of that is something bigger than myself.”

## McLeod Health Welcomes New Pharmacy Residents



**McLeod Health welcomes new pharmacy residents (from left to right) Christopher Snider, Tyler Leroy and Miranda Miles McGee.**

McLeod Health welcomes new McLeod Residents Christopher Snider, Tyler Leroy, and Miranda Miles McGee to its Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program.

The 12-month PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program at McLeod builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists. These residents are responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. They are also eligible for board certification and Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training. The pharmacy residency program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Snider is a graduate of the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Toledo, Ohio.

Leroy graduated from the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy in Charleston, West Virginia.

McGee is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy in Charleston, South Carolina.

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## McLeod Health Receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Achievement Awards

The American Heart Association recently recognized the commitment of McLeod Health hospitals with quality stroke care:

### **McLeod Regional Medical Center**

Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke  
Gold Plus Award

Target: Type 2 Honor Roll Award

Target: StrokeSM Elite Award

### **McLeod Health Loris & Seacoast**

Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke  
Silver Plus Award

Get With The Guidelines®- Stroke  
Bronze Award

Target: Type 2 Honor Roll Award

### **McLeod Health Dillon**

Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke  
Bronze Award

McLeod Health hospitals earned these awards by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

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## McLeod Concourse Expands to McLeod Medical Park East

On Friday, July 31, the McLeod Concourse South opened providing access for patients and employees to McLeod Medical Park East from the McLeod Pavilion. Access to the Concourse can be obtained from the McLeod Pavilion entrance on Cheves Street. The exterior walkway to McLeod Medical Park East is no longer available.

In addition, a fence has been installed in front of the new Emergency Department building currently under construction. This is in preparation for the construction of the new ED entrance. The new fence will block access to the East Parking Deck from the Griffin Street entrance. All entrance/exit to the East Parking Deck must be made from William H. Johnson Street.



***The McLeod Concourse South provides access for patients and employees to McLeod Medical Park East from the McLeod Pavilion.***

The glass-enclosed concourse stretches from one end of the campus to the other, joining the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, the McLeod Tower, the McLeod Center for Intensive Care, the McLeod Pavilion and McLeod Medical Park East. Located on the public thoroughfare is the McLeod Choice Pharmacy, the Spa at McLeod, two gift shops, the cafeteria, McLeod Fresh, Starbucks, a florist, chapel and the South Carolina Federal Credit Union.

### Important Dates

For a complete list of upcoming events, please click [here](#) to view the August McLeod Health calendars.

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## McLeod Health Seacoast Celebrates Milestone



**McLeod Health Seacoast teams celebrate the recent milestone of admitting 100 patients.**

McLeod Health Seacoast recently celebrated a milestone by admitting 100 patients. The new patient tower at the hospital increased the bed capacity from 50 to 105 beds which was greatly needed as the previous facility had been running at or near capacity. Congratulations to all of the staff for transforming the delivery of health care in northern Horry County.

## McLeod Nurse Receives DAISY Award

McLeod Health Seacoast recently named Laurie Edwards, a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit, as the July DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Loris Seacoast. She was nominated by a patient's spouse for her extraordinary care and compassion.

To recognize those Nurses at McLeod Health who are true examples of Nursing Excellence, patients, family members and co-workers may nominate nurses for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

On the nomination form for Edwards, the patient's husband wrote, "Laurie was outstanding at the way she treated her patients with professionalism and care. She kept me calm and helped me understand why and what they were doing to help my wife get better. God bless Laurie and the staff at McLeod Health Seacoast."

"Laurie is outstanding with the patients and families who have given us the opportunity to care for them," said Sherrill Nielson, Chief Nursing Officer at McLeod Health Seacoast. "The McLeod Health system is fortunate to have Laurie as part of this amazing nursing team."



**Laurie Edwards, RN, a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit, was recently announced as the July DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Loris Seacoast.**

## McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership Receives Donation from Chesterfield County First Steps



***Nateya Gary, a first-time mother and Nurse-Family Partnership client, reads to her infant child, Yahana, as part of First Steps' "Start with a Book" literacy campaign for young children under the age of five who live in Chesterfield County. Chesterfield County First Steps recently reached out to Sarah Griggs, RN, BSN, to distribute the age-appropriate children's books to her clients in the McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership program.***

The McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) recently received a generous donation of age-appropriate children's books for their clients and their children ranging in age from birth to age five, living in Chesterfield County. The donation was made possible by a grant from South Carolina First Steps to Chesterfield County First Steps to purchase books for young children in the area.

Chesterfield County First Steps contacted McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership Nurse Sarah Griggs, RN, BSN, to distribute the books to the program's at-risk new mothers, infants and young children to encourage literacy and to prepare them for school.

"Having strong connections in our community is a vital component in helping our McLeod Nurse-Family Partnership clients and their families succeed," said Griggs. "Chesterfield County First Steps has helped support the developmental growth and development of my clients' children by providing developmental toys and age-appropriate books over the last few years. This most recent donation of books will help ensure that even during a pandemic, our clients and their children have access to new books which promotes literacy and school readiness. We are deeply grateful for our partnership with First Steps."

The Nurse-Family Partnership, a nationally-recognized, evidence-based program for low-income, first-time mothers, serves mothers in Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Clarendon and Sumter Counties. The three primary goals of the program are: to improve pregnancy outcomes, enhance child health and development and strengthen the economic self-sufficiency of the families it serves.

## Stroke Quality Achievement Awards (continued)

McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Loris and McLeod Health Seacoast also received the Target: Type 2 Honor Roll Award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must achieve higher than 90 percent compliance over 12 consecutive months for quality measure in the "Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score."

Additionally, McLeod Regional Medical Center received the Association's Target: Stroke<sup>SM</sup> Elite award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA.



## Merit Awards

### MRMC



**Francine Bostick**  
Nutrition Services  
July 2020



**Laura Campbell**  
Talent Acquisition  
July 2020



**Steven Felder, Jr.**  
Materials Management  
July 2020



**Bambi Turner**  
Pharmacy  
July 2020



### Dillon

**Heather Logsdon**  
Lab  
May 2020



### MPA

**Keith Stefanski**  
Regional Practice Manager  
July 2020

## Monthly Specials

### McLeod Spa

**AUGUST SPECIAL:**  
**20% off Skin Care Services**



To schedule an appointment,  
call The Spa at McLeod Health & Fitness Center at 777-3200.

**Don't forget Tuesdays are Employee Days**  
Present your employee ID badge for 15% off any service or product.  
(Not valid on gift certificate purchases.)

Visit [www.McLeodHealthFitness.org](http://www.McLeodHealthFitness.org) for a menu of services.

### McLeod Health & Fitness Center



**August Special:**  
No joining fee for the month of  
August with a 12-month contract

### McLeod Resource Center



**August Special:**  
10% off  
Everything

(excluding breast pumps & rentals)  
for National Breastfeeding Month