



## **Wellstar Announces Kevin Smith as President of Wellstar Spalding Medical Center and Wellstar Sylvan Grove Medical Center**

**ATLANTA, Ga. (Jan. 6, 2025)** – Wellstar Health System has selected Kevin Smith to join Wellstar as Senior Vice President and President of Wellstar Spalding Medical Center and Wellstar Sylvan Grove Medical Center. Smith brings a wealth of experience spanning over 20 years in healthcare operations, organizational leadership, and community engagement. He will work alongside the current local leadership team to set strategy and implement Wellstar’s commitment for continuous improvement.



Wellstar continues to increase access to care in Spalding and Butts counties, opening new primary care and neurology clinics in 2024 and previously opening or expanding clinics for cardiology, oncology, orthopedics and gastroenterology. Last year, Wellstar’s Spalding and Sylvan Grove hospitals provided \$16.7 million in uncompensated care, and nearly 3,000 people in Spalding and Butts counties benefited from a Wellstar Community Health program. Wellstar also recently expanded its graduate medical education program at the hospitals, knowing that new physicians are more likely to stay in the communities where they begin their careers.

“Kevin’s experience includes both small rural and larger urban markets, making him ideal to lead our continued commitments to PeopleCare in Spalding and Butts counties,” said Mary Chatman, PhD, RN, executive vice president of acute care operations for Wellstar. “In addition to leading our local teams, Kevin will collaborate with executives across the Wellstar system, partner with our physician enterprise, and engage with community partners to advance healthcare in the region.”

Most recently, Smith served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist-High Point Medical Center, where he oversaw operations for a more than \$440 million revenue organization with key service lines including Oncology, Heart/Lung/Vascular and Behavioral Health.

Smith holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, a Master of Health Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Radiological Sciences. He is a Fellow of both the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Association for Medical Imaging Management, reflecting his commitment to healthcare excellence and innovation.