NHS Emergency Department Boasts Exceptional Care through Board-Certified Physicians

TAHLEQUAH, Oklahoma – A trip to the emergency department can be a stressful, scary, and oftentimes, life-or-death situation for patients. Caring for patients in such a fast-paced, high-stress, environment requires healthcare workers to possess specialized skills. At Northeastern Health System (NHS), providers possess these specialized skills through additional training and board certification in Emergency Medicine, a feat uncommon in many rural hospitals.

NHS's Emergency Department Chair, Anastasia Fisher, DO, FACEP, who also serves as the Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Oklahoma State University, explained some benefits of having providers board certified in emergency medicine.

"Departments with Board Certified Physicians function more efficiently, which allows for lesser wait times and fewer returns and readmissions," said Fisher. "Most board-certified physicians practice evidence-based medicine, leading to fewer unnecessary emergent tests."

Board certification requires the physician to complete an accredited residency program in emergency medicine following medical school, and certifies the physician meets educational, professional and examination standards to demonstrate expertise in emergency medicine. "At NHS, we provide a community hospital atmosphere with specialties often seen only in larger cities," said Fisher. "Our staff of board-certified, ED physicians, provide efficient, evidence-based care. We work hard to provide care so that patients can continue their long-term care in the area."

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