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SMH Names Kris Hering as Chief Nursing Officer

PLYMOUTH, N.H. --- Speare Memorial Hospital has officially appointed Kris Hering, BSN, CCRN, as chief nursing officer, after serving in an interim capacity since September of 2009.



Hering brings over 14 years of critical care and progressive nursing leadership experience to Speare. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Anslem's College and is certified in critical nursing care. Joining SMH in April of 2003 as the nurse director for Medical/Surgical and the Intensive Care Unit, she was actively involved in many global hospital initiatives. During this time Hering worked to implement bed side medication verification and rounding protocols for nurses. Now as CNO and member of SMH's senior management team, Hering is charged with setting strategic initiatives for the nursing department overseeing patient quality standards and services in Speare's six nursing units.

Hering brings a strong commitment to putting patients first and understanding what quality nursing care consists of. "I believe that to achieve optimal patient care, cooperation and input from the entire clinical team is needed," says Hering. She also brings a strong understanding of the role technology plays in enhancing nursing practices and ensuring the right patient gets the right care at the right time.

A New Hampshire native who grew up in the Lakes Region, Hering was eager to return after having lived in southern NH for 14 years. When presented with the opportunity to join the SMH staff, Hering looked forward to learning how a critical access hospital serves its community. "I chose Speare because I had never worked in a small community hospital and I wanted to be part of the role this hospital plays in the community," said Hering. According to Hering, "Experiencing the passion of our dedicated professional nursing staff to deliver the best care possible to their patients, who are often their neighbors, has been the most enjoyable part of joining Speare."

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