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Cottage Hospital introduces new Hospitalist

Woodsville, NH - Cottage Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of Hospitalist Dr. Blake Spencer, DO to its team. Dr. Spencer will oversee patient care for a majority of the patients admitted to Cottage Hospital's Medical Surgical Unit.

As an internal medicine physician, Dr. Spencer specializes in adult patient care. His goal is to increase stability and continuity of care for patients. To this end, he will closely monitor the care patients receive while they are being treated at Cottage Hospital and will communicate with their primary care physicians for continued outpatient care or follow up needs.

In May of 2008, Dr. Spencer received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, MO. He continued on to complete his postdoctoral training at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he pursued his residency in inpatient Internal Medicine. During this time, Dr. Spencer won several awards, including recognition as the Top Resident on any Internal Medicine associated rotation.

While pursuing his undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO, Dr. Spencer participated in a Summer Study Abroad Program at Charles University in Prague. In May of 2004 he earned his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Dr. Spencer is currently a member of the American College of Physicians.

Over the past several years Dr. Spencer has been involved in a variety of volunteer projects. He traveled to Guatemala in February of 2008 as part of a DOCARE International Medical Mission Trip providing medical care to individuals living in remote areas. He also worked with Score 1, an organization that provides free health screenings for elementary school aged inner city children living in Kansas City.

Although this is first time in the Northeast, Dr. Spencer finds the small town atmosphere to be similar to that of his own hometown in Missouri. He enjoys a variety of outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and golf, and is looking forward to skiing in the winter. His fiancée, Jill is currently doing her residency in dermatology at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Cottage Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital serving the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley. For additional information regarding Cottage Hospital and any of our services visit us on the web at www.cottagehospital.org or call (603)747-9000.