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Change of Doshier ED top doc post

SOUTHPORT—After 25 years as medical director for the Doshier Memorial Hospital Emergency Department (ED), James K. Weingarten, MD, stepped down from that post on September 30. He remains a treating physician on Doshier's ED staff.

"Dr. Weingarten gave consistent, high-quality care to literally thousands of patients in this time, and we're pleased that he will continue to serve patients in this busy department," Tom Siemers, Doshier president & CEO, says. "Dr. Weingarten led the physicians and nursing team that implemented a customer service improvement program four years ago which resulted in Doshier now ranking in the 90th percentile for patient satisfaction scores among emergency departments nationally."

Twenty-six-year Doshier ED physician Joseph P. Hatem, MD, succeeds Dr. Weingarten as medical director. Dr. Hatem has been a highly visible physician for emergency services, the Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, and other parts of the organization.

After studying at Notre Dame University for undergraduate education, Dr. Hatem earned a Doctor of Medicine degree at UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School. He performed a medical internship and residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center before joining Doshier in 1990.

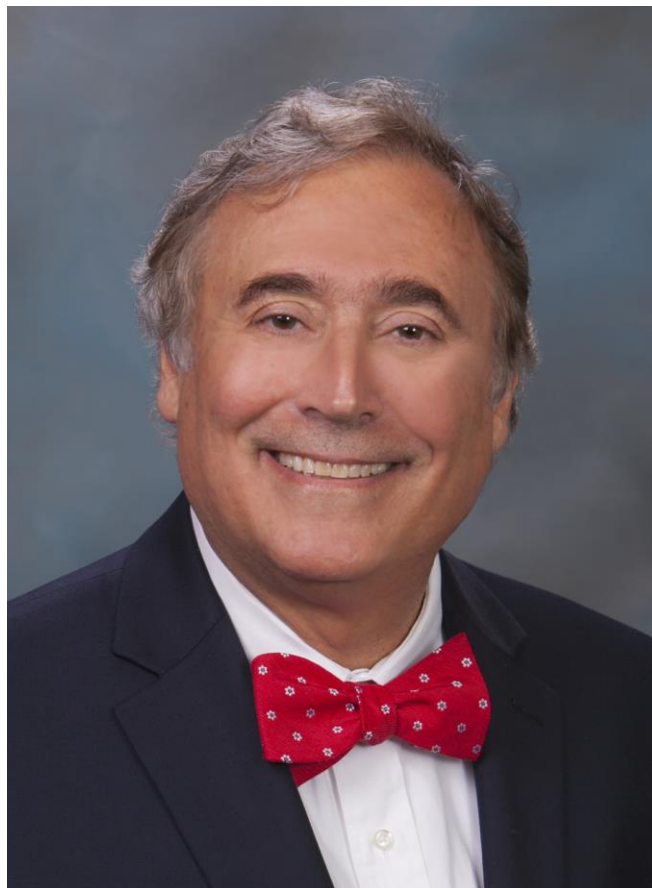
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