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**Kevin Speer, JD, Resigns as Hendricks Regional Health President & CEO**  
*Yvonne Culpepper, DNP, MSN, RN, appointed interim President & CEO*

DANVILLE, Indiana — After serving Hendricks Regional Health for over 10 years, Kevin Speer, JD, has resigned as President & CEO to assume leadership of Ascension St. Vincent Indiana.

With Speer at the helm, Hendricks has strategically grown services for west central Indiana including cardiology, breast oncology, critical care and more. Under his leadership Hendricks built its second hospital, earned the honor of joining the Mayo Clinic Care Network, and implemented Epic electronic medical record system. Speer led the organization through the transition from 27 separate electronic medical record systems to one unified platform, making patient care at Hendricks forever safer.

During Speer's tenure, the number of employed providers at Hendricks has grown by nearly 200 percent, adding unprecedented local access to care. In addition, Hendricks has become nationally recognized in quality and safety by Leapfrog, Healthgrades and others.

Throughout the tumultuous days of COVID, Speer was an unwavering voice of leadership, support and reassurance for his team and the community. He also led the culture-building initiative to define the Hendricks core values and officially roll out The Hendricks Way.

"In his decade leading Hendricks Regional Health, Kevin implemented strategies that will keep us a strong, independent community health system for years to come," said Erin Engels, JD, Chair of the Hendricks Regional Health Board of Trustees. "The Board is grateful for his contributions to our healthcare system and our community."

The Hendricks Regional Health Board of Trustees has unanimously appointed Yvonne Culpepper, DNP, MSN, RN, as interim President & CEO. Culpepper has over 40 years of experience in healthcare leadership with the majority of those spent at Hendricks. She currently serves as the healthcare system's Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operations Officer.

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## **About Hendricks Regional Health**

Since 1962, Hendricks Regional Health has served west central Indiana as its preferred, trusted healthcare partner. With a deeply rooted legacy of community service, the Hendricks' culture is built on our vision to be the community's indispensable healthcare partner. As a nationally recognized, nonprofit, healthcare system, we offer a full spectrum of primary care and specialty services. Hendricks is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @HendricksHealth, Facebook @Hendricks.org, or visit [Hendricks.org](http://Hendricks.org).

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