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Dr. Brian Leese

New hospice medical director hired at Housecall Providers

Portland, Ore. — Housecall Providers has announced that Dr. Brian Leese has been hired as its new hospice medical director, replacing Dr. Eric Walsh who retired last month after two years of service to the organization. Dr. Leese has worked as a physician at OHSU in various roles for the last ten years. First, completing his internal medicine residency, then as Chief Resident, and eventually as a hospitalist. Over his many years of experience, working with patients living with serious illness has had the greatest impact.

“While all the care delivered in medicine is vitally important, these relationships are one of the places where things often become most ‘real,’ where the truth is spoken and sometimes even the smallest thing like a conversation can become deeply meaningful,” says Dr. Leese.

Since 2009, Housecall Providers Hospice has been delivering home-based, end-of-life care as part of the nonprofit’s continuum of services that includes primary care and a community-based palliative care program tailored to the safety net population. Each year, the hospice serves hundreds of patients and family members, many coming from their primary care program.

“Our organization has always been about really valuing community relationships. Brian embodies this commitment with his long-time work at OHSU as a resident, hospitalist and palliative care fellow,” says Advanced Illness Medical Director Dr. Will Kennedy. “Best of all, his kind, mission-driven style fits perfectly into our culture and next chapters.”

Dr. Leese studied agriculture and soil chemistry before shifting his focus to biology and health. He studied naturopathic medicine and massage therapy before receiving his medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Florida. This past year Dr. Leese completed a hospice and palliative care fellowship at OHSU, setting the stage for his next chapter in serving those in need.

Originally from the East Coast, Dr. Leese has lived in three of the four corners of the country but has had a special connection with the Northwest since attending Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA for his undergraduate degree.

“It heartens me to be connected to this type of caring community and being able to liaise with social services,” says Brian. “Getting my patients what they needed was one of the most satisfying aspects of being a hospitalist.”

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About Housecall Providers

Housecall Providers is a Portland area nonprofit organization and one of the largest providers of medical care exclusively in the home in the Western United States. We are proving every day that in home medical services for homebound and chronically ill patients can improve health outcomes, increase patient comfort, reduce health care costs and increase provider satisfaction. We are a proud part of the CareOregon family of health organizations.