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## **MUSC Health Florence Division names Chief Operating Officer**

FLORENCE — MUSC Health Florence Medical Center has named Jason Cox as the new Chief Operating Officer. “I am pleased to announce that Jason Cox has been named COO for the MUSC Health Florence Division. In this role, Jason will provide support for each hospital, including Florence Medical Center, Marion Medical Center, and Black River Medical Center when it opens in 2023,” said Chief Executive Officer Jay Hinesley. “Jason’s experience in rural healthcare, as well as his recent experience as COO of a large tertiary facility, make him well suited for the position.”

Cox comes to Florence having served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer as well as Interim Chief Financial Officer at UNC Health Southeastern in Lumberton, NC. At UNC Health Southeastern, he worked closely with Emergency Services to reduce patient length of stay and improve hospital quality ratings.

Previously, Cox was President and Chief Executive Officer at Chestatee Regional Hospital in Dahlonega, GA.

Cox received his Bachelor of Science from North Georgia College and State University and his Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **About MUSC Health**

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is home to the oldest medical school in the South as well as the state’s only integrated academic health sciences center, with a unique charge to serve the state through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and nearly 800 residents in six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. MUSC brought in more than \$271 million in biomedical research funds in fiscal year 2020, continuing to lead the state in obtaining National Institutes of Health funding, with more than \$129.9 million. For information on academic programs, visit [musc.edu](https://musc.edu).

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality and safe patient care while training generations of compassionate, competent health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Close to 25,000 care team members provide care for patients at 14 hospitals with approximately 2,500 beds and 5 additional hospital locations in development, more than 300 telehealth sites and nearly 750 care locations situated in the Lowcountry, Midlands, Pee Dee and Upstate regions of South Carolina. In 2021, for the seventh consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina. To learn more about clinical patient services, visit [muschealth.org](https://muschealth.org).

MUSC and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of \$4.4 billion. The more than 25,000 MUSC team members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers and scientists who deliver groundbreaking education, research, technology, and patient care.

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