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# Press Release

## **Glenn Medical Center Announces New Medical Staff Leadership**

**Willows, CA, March 3, 2011:** Glenn Medical Center's Medical Staff recently elected the following new officers to serve for a two year term beginning in 2011: Matthew Merliss, M.D., Neurologist, Chief of Staff and Morgan Jenkins, M.D., Pediatrician, Vice-Chief of Staff. Mark Garrison, D.O., Gynecologist/Women's Health, is the Past Chief of Staff and will continue to serve as an officer for the 2011 year. Dr. Garrison provided outstanding leadership as the former Chief of Staff and we welcome his continued work in the coming years.

Medical Staff leadership works with the Administration and Board of the facility to insure that patient quality and safety are the primary goals. The Medical Center's Medical Staff has grown significantly the past few years and now offers many new and needed health care services. Cardiology, Dermatology, Neurology, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Podiatry, and Gynecology specialists, along with many other physicians now provide a host of services resulting in greater convenience and outstanding health care service for Glenn County and surrounding area residents.

"Glenn Medical Center appreciates the dedication and commitment to excellence from each member of the Medical Staff" said Woody Laughnan, Hospital Administrator. "We have an exceptional group of highly educated and skilled practitioners here at GMC and due to their commitment the hospital has been successful in acquiring state of the art technology not commonly found in many rural hospitals. The hospital will recognize March 30, 2011 as our annual Doctor's Day and representatives of Administration and the Board will personally thank these physicians for their hard work and dedication".

Dr. Matthew Merliss, neurologist, graduated from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and trained at the UCLA-Wadsworth VA Hospital. He began practicing in Chico in 1987 and at Glenn Medical Center in 2005.

Dr. Morgan Jenkins, pediatrician, graduated from medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, in 1984 where he also completed his pediatric residency and fellowship training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases. He is fluent in Spanish and Mandarin and has practiced in Northern California, Central America and China. Dr. Jenkins began practicing at Glenn Medical Center in 2009.

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Dr. Mark Garrison, gynecologist, received his medical degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1987 and completed his internship at Fireland's Community Hospital in Ohio. He completed his residency at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and in the United States Army Reserves. Dr. Garrison had a private practice in Oklahoma for 15 years and has been at Glenn Medical Center since 2006.

For more information about Glenn Medical Center's Medical Staff contact us at 530-934-1881.

*Photo: pictured Left to Right Dr. Morgan Jenkins, Vice-Chief of Staff; Dr. Matthew Merliss, Chief of Staff; Dr. Mark Garrison, Past Chief of Staff*