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Rome Surgical Specialists welcomes new surgeon

General surgeon Kevin Harrison, M.D., has joined Beth Bulawa, M.D., and David Kulick, M.D., Ph.D., FCCP, at Rome Surgical Specialists, located at 1617 N. James St., in Suite 700 A, announced Practice Administrator Tracey Hamilton.



“Dr. Harrison is an excellent surgeon with over 25 years of experience,” Hamilton said. “Patients will appreciate his expertise in the operating room, as well as his focus on helping them understand their treatment options.”

As a general surgeon Dr. Harrison will perform a broad range of procedures at Rome Memorial Hospital, including general surgery for breast, skin and colon cancers, gall bladder and thyroid disease, venous access procedures, appendicitis and hernia repair.

Board certified by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Harrison also performs laparoscopic surgery, which allows surgeons to target diseased organs with minimal trauma to the patient. With the use of a camera and narrow surgical instruments, Dr. Harrison can access many areas of the body with small incisions instead of a large cut into the skin and underlying muscles. Post-operative pain is less and patients are up and walking more quickly. Hospital stays are much shorter and patients can return to their normal activities sooner.

Dr. Harrison combines evidence-based medicine with an understanding of the patient’s health history, as well as lifestyle and expectations, when determining the best course of action to improve a patient’s quality of life. “I treat every patient as an individual because each case is distinct and unique,” he said. “I know from experience that some patients will do well with certain procedures, while others may not.”

According to Dr. Harrison, determining which surgery may be necessary is an important decision which he makes after carefully evaluating each case. “The decision to undergo surgery should never be made lightly,” he explained. “That decision has to be based on all of the available information, combined with clinical expertise, training and knowledge of the subject.”

Dr. Harrison sees the ability to communicate openly with patients as an important aspect to building a successful doctor-patient relationship. “One of my strengths is communicating with

my patients to achieve a level of trust,” he said. “Developing a relationship of trust with the patient is critically important to the recovery plan, which requires the patient to closely follow post-operative instructions.”

Dr. Harrison comes to Rome after spending 25 years in private practice in Long Island, where he and his wife of 22-years Patty, raised their two children Brent, 17, and Kelly, 20. Like many doctors, he is choosing to be a part of a hospital-affiliated practice where he can focus on practicing medicine and taking care of patients, leaving the business side of healthcare to practice managers.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Harrison to our community and Rome Memorial Hospital,” said President/Chief Executive Officer Basil Ariglio. “Despite the challenges of bringing physicians to this area, we continue to attract talented physicians, especially when they have a local connection. Dr. Harrison, for example, has a daughter at Cornell, which was a factor in his decision to exchange the big city for a smaller one with more of a hometown feel.”

Born in New York and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Harrison earned his medical degree at the New York University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency training in general surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Harrison is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the New York State and Nassau County Medical Societies and the John Jones Society of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. He serves as vice chairman of the Samuel Leidesdorf Associates, the NYU Medical Alumni Association, and is a member of the NYU Medical Center board of governors.

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