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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System is pleased to announce the appointment of John Becker, MD as Chief of Surgery and Site Director for Surgery & Specialty Care. The VA Black Hills Health Care System provides inpatient and outpatient surgical care at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center and outpatient surgery at the Hot Springs VA Medical Center.

Dr. Becker was born in Bismarck, ND and graduated from the University Of North Dakota School Of Medicine in 1997. He completed a General Surgery Residency with honors at Summa Health System in Akron, OH in 2002 followed by sub-specialty training and board certification in Vascular and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. He practiced in Great Falls, MT prior to joining the medical staff at VA Black Hills in 2007.

Dr. Becker and his wife Dr. Margaret (Maggie) Becker, a primary care physician at VA Black Hills, and their family enjoy living in the Black Hills where they take advantage of outdoor opportunities such as fishing, hiking, gardening and playing tennis.

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