



Building a scalable hospital at home program for urban and rural markets

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Serving over **6 million** patients across 6 states

1st

in Community Benefit (\$6.2B)

2nd

Largest with an Integrated Medical School

3rd

Largest Not-For-Profit



\$38B

Revenue
(Annualized YTD)



AA

Bond
Rating



6M

Unique
Patients



167K

Teammates



69

Hospital
Locations

 Advocate Health Care

 Aurora Health Care



Wake Forest University
School of Medicine

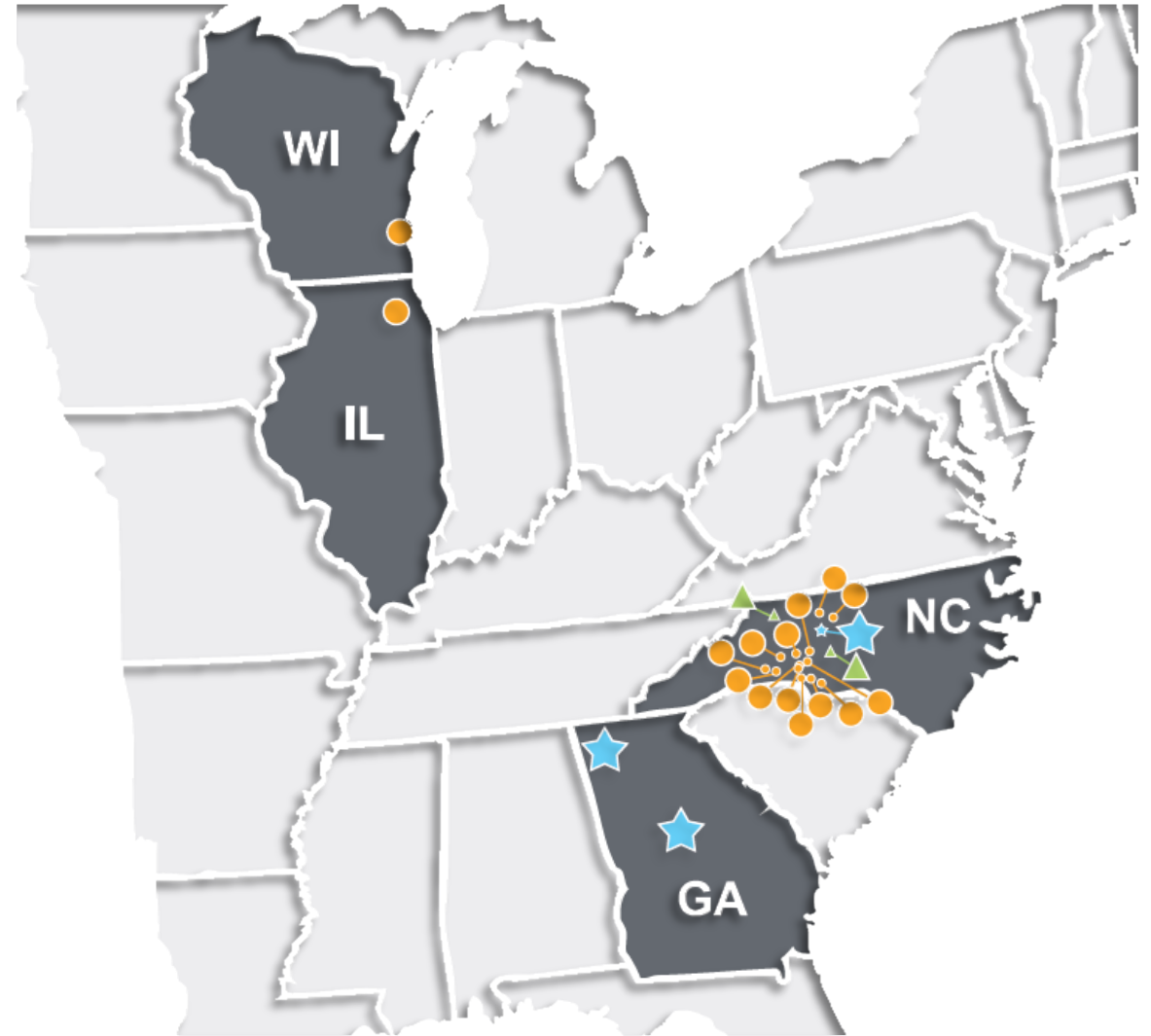


Atrium Health

Charlotte, NC
Headquarters

Advocate Health is Leading the Way in Hospital at Home

- 4 major metropolitan areas in 4 states
- 18 waived hospitals
- Patient care area covers 7,500 square mile
- 50% of patients cared for in rural zip codes



Key Stats

Developing into a virtual hospital rather than just a single unit



31,000+

Patients
served across
Enterprise



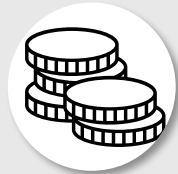
26,000+

Patients
within GCA,
program to
date.



145-155

Average
Daily
Census



**2/3 of the
cost**

Brick and
mortar stay



**200+
Teammates**

Virtual
In-person
Hybrid



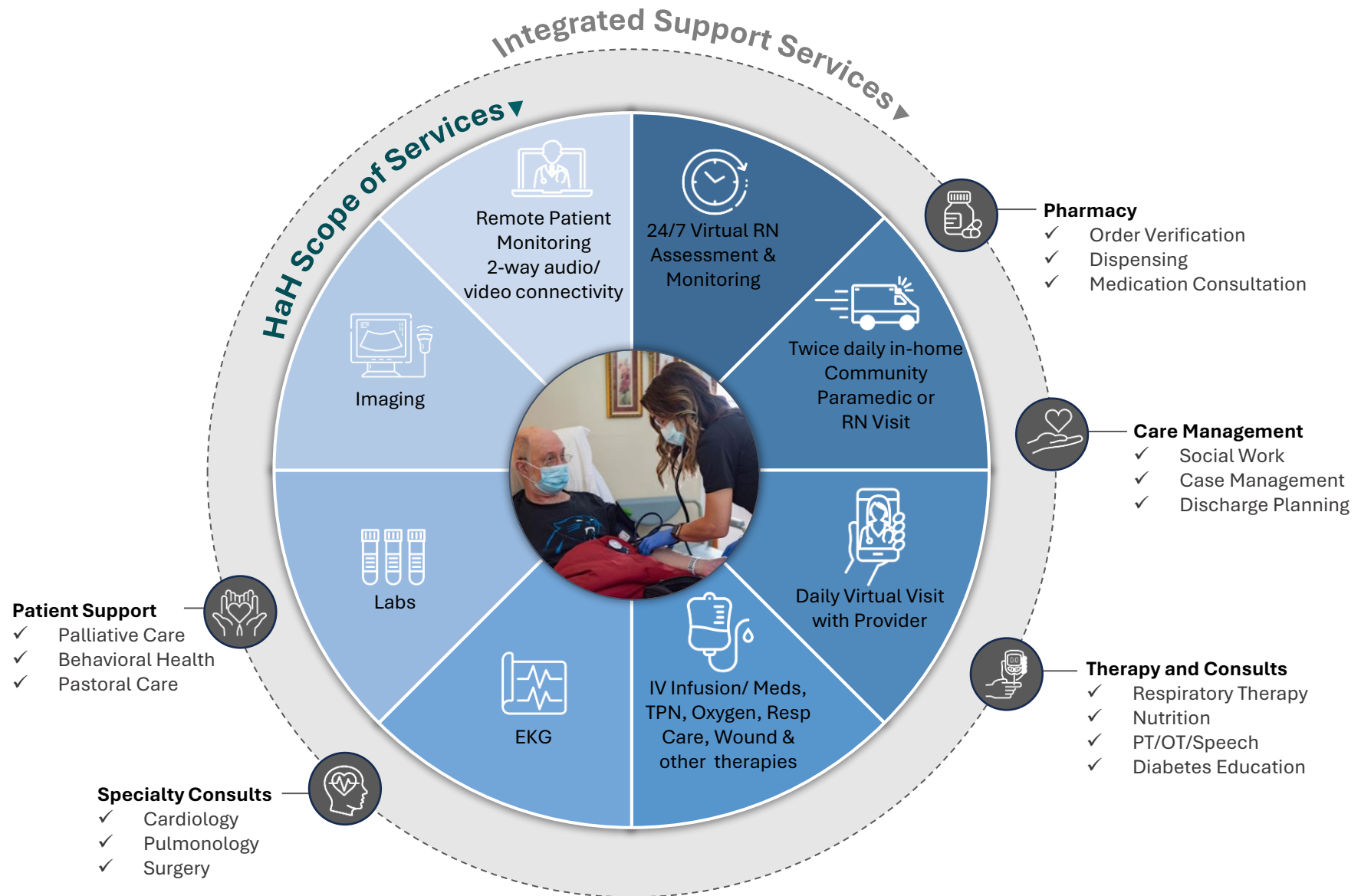
**100+ bed
hospital**

Medicine
Surgical
HemOnc

By providing hospital level care in the comfort of home, our Hospital at Home program is redefining care:

For You	For Us	For All
<i>Patient Benefits</i>	<i>System Benefits</i>	<i>Population/Community Benefits</i>
Comfort and Familiarity: Patients get care where they prefer... at home... increasing their sense of safety and control.	Capacity Management: Increases capacity at brick-and-mortar facilities by avoiding admissions, readmissions and reducing LOS.	Sicker, Aging Population: Addresses the unique care needs of the growing aging population who are experiencing multiple chronic conditions but wish to “age in place”.
Risk Reduction: Patients face lower risks associated with traditional hospitalization (e.g., falls, infection, delirium, insomnia, etc.)	Cost Savings: Potential for lower direct variable cost of care. Significantly lower capital costs than brick-and-mortar construction Very low Post-Acute SNF utilization	Reducing Health Inequities: Holistic, whole-person care helps to reduce health inequities and improve access.
Addressing Social Needs: Team can assess and address SDOH, which impact 80% of patients’ well-being. in the context of the patient’s real life		

Patients receive
seamless,
comprehensive,
inpatient care at
home with
integrated
support



Day in the life of a patient

A Typical Hospital

6 AM Blood draw for daily labs

8-11 AM Physician visit

11-1 PM Watch TV & wait for x-ray

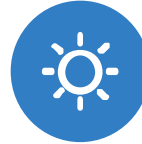
2 PM Sponge bath in bed

4 PM Push call button to speak to physician

5 PM Physician stops by

6 PM Dinner is served

11 PM Hospital is quiet enough to fall asleep



Hospital at Home

9 AM Blood draw for daily labs

10 AM Physician video visit

10-12 PM Children stop by to say hello

12 PM X-ray

2 PM Shower with the help of aide

4 PM Use iPad to connect with physician

6 PM Enjoy home-cooked meal

9 PM Fall asleep in your own bed

Four Components Work Together To Enable Care

MEDICAL INSTITUTION



Software
Platform



Command
Center



CARE DELIVERY NETWORK

PATIENT HOME



Home
Technology



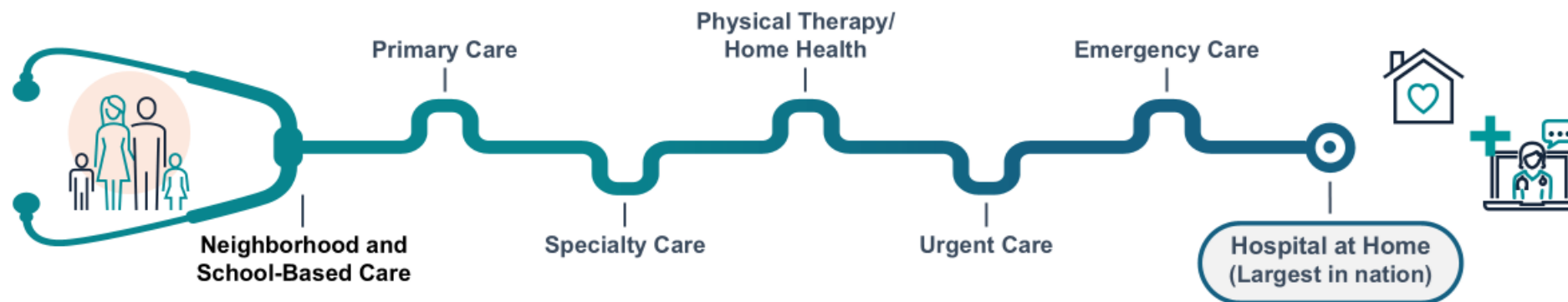
Unlimited



50 mi radius



As the **leading-edge innovator** in integrated virtual health, we are **reimagining access** while delivering system value through **47 unique virtual health services** at **259 service sites** across **10 states**



FIRST & BEST CHOICE

National Leader in Hospital-Level Care at Home

Advocate Health has the largest adult hospital at home program, averaging 130 patients daily. In February 2025, Advocate Health Levine Children's Hospital launched the nation's first pediatric hospital at home program, caring for over 100 patients since its launch.

Innovator of Novel Virtual Care Models

Launched a first-of-its-kind, unified virtual health clinical workforce, scaling clinicians across Advocate Health's seven states. This model leverages our national scale and clinical expertise to provide care when, how, and where patients need it.

Pioneers in High-Quality Virtual Care Delivery

- ✓ **47 Unique Virtual Services** – Spanning the full care continuum
- ✓ **School-Based Virtual Care Leader** – 15,000+ visits in 2024–2025 with a 65% return-to-classroom rate
- ✓ **Teammate Access Expansion** – Discounted virtual primary and urgent care through Advocate Health's health plan



**1.7
MILLION**

Virtual Health
Encounters



8,400

Virtual Health
Clinicians



55,000

Virtual Nursing
Patients in 2024



50,000+

Virtual Physical
Therapy Visits



15,000

Patients Remotely
Monitored Each Day



26,000+

Hospital at Home
Patients Served



**Virtual
Primary Care**



**Hospital
At Home**



**Virtual
Critical Care**



**Virtual Specialty
Consults**



**On Demand
Virtual Visits**



**Virtual
School Clinics**



**Employer
Clinics**



**Virtual
Sitter**



**Virtual
Nursing**



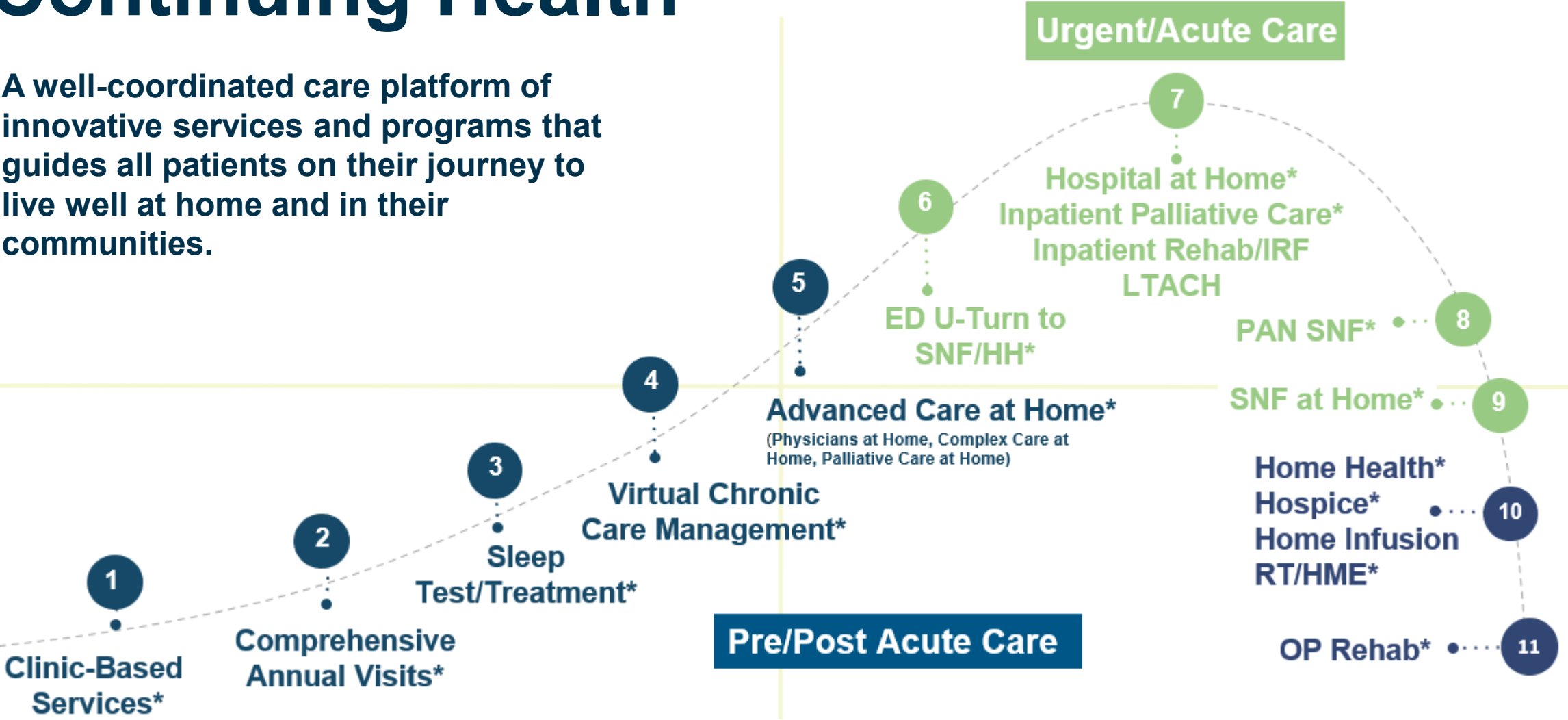
Virtual ED



**Virtual Weight
Management**

Continuing Health

A well-coordinated care platform of innovative services and programs that guides all patients on their journey to live well at home and in their communities.



Right Care, Right Place, Right Time

*Available Virtually

H@H Growth Can Occur Via Scale Or Spread:

Scale: Existing site growth

Volume & Operational Bounds

Growth through role, staffing, equipment additions, etc. and removal of operational barriers

- MIH scope: Paramedics vs RNs
- New Care Team members: Wound Care RNs, Educators
- Alter hours for patient acceptance: ED admits through 11pm
- Add payor sources: Payor agnostic/aware

Complexity & Specialty

Scale up patient acuity and in home capability and/or partner with Specialty services to capture advanced populations

- Add iSTATs, elastomeric balls, midlines
- Enhance med administration protocols/ delivery methods
- Develop specific specialty protocols: Heart Failure in the home, post-surgical, CAR-T, BsAbs, PP HTN, Peds



Spread: Programmatic or Enterprise growth

Geographic Footprint

Expanding into more communities/zip codes to increase patient volumes (considering additional travel time)

- Add zip codes to existing coverage
- Expand into other Areas, States, etc. within System or Enterprise

Waivered Facilities

Extending the number of brick-and-mortar facilities for increased patient catchment

- Add facilities near currently waived locations
- Add facilities in new locations



Our Charlotte Program Has Been Rapidly & Successfully Scaled

➤ Upper-level leadership support

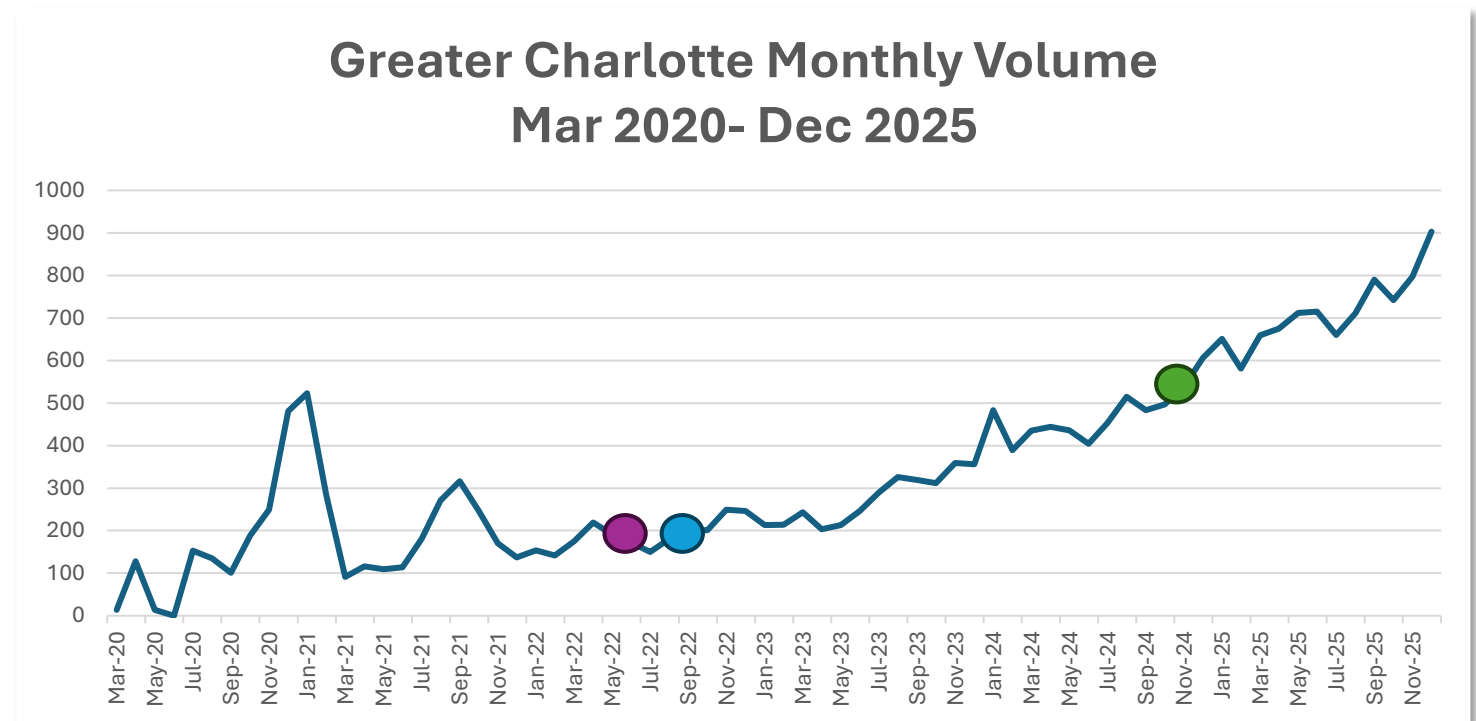
- Strategy
- Financial resources
- Personnel

➤ Intra-facility Growth

- Maximum HaH capacity

➤ Inter-facility Growth

- Universal methodology



Considerations before scale



Resources & Supply Chain



Bed Count/ Capacity Gap



Capital Additions



Patient sources/ HAH Pathways



Care Continuum Capabilities

Inflow For Scale: Make the Hospital at Home Pathway the Standard of Care

Diagnosis	H@H Exclusion Criteria	Diagnosis	H@H Exclusion Criteria
CHF	- PCU or ICU level of care - Supplemental O2 needs >6 lpm NC - Suspected or diagnosed ACS - New onset or unstable arrhythmia requiring telemetry - SBP <100 and receiving diuretics - On chronic inotropes until workflow built in	Pancreatitis	- Frequent IV pain control - New hypoxia or pulmonary edema - AKI stage 2 or greater on admission - Risk of alcohol withdrawal - IVF infusing more than 150mL/hr - If pancreatitis is gallstone related, with or without cholangitis
COPD	- Require NIPPV - pH < 7.35 - Impaired mental status or accessory muscle use - Supplemental O2 needs >6 lpm NC	UTI	- Meets observation criteria - Needs assessment for obstruction +/- Urology consult - Needs PCU level of care or higher
Cellulitis	- If concern for necrotizing fasciitis - Concern for osteomyelitis or septic arthritis needing advanced imaging or procedure - Purulent cellulitis needing I&D - Meets severe sepsis criteria or worse - Ensure doppler ultrasound or advanced imaging is completed if indicated	AKI	- Needs urgent dialysis - Needs assessment for urinary tract obstruction or procedure - Severe hyperkalemia - Acute respiratory failure
Pneumonia	- Meets severe sepsis criteria or worse - Impaired mental status or accessory muscle use - Supplemental O2 needs >6 lpm NC - If in-person pulmonary consult is needed, coordinate for patient to wait in HCU until consult is completed. If bronchoscopy is needed, patient can transfer to ACH and return to B&M for procedure once scheduled.	Gastroenteritis	Meets Observation criteria
Pulmonary embolism with respiratory failure	- Meets Observation criteria - SBP < 100 - HR > 110 - Impaired mental status - Supplemental O2 needs >6 lpm NC - Needs IR consultation for possible lysis of clot		

Patient Volume may be the fuel, but consistent resources is the oxygen

You must...

- Identify your pressure points
- Understand interval-leap staffing (increase patient goals correctly)
- Staff and prep for the extremes, not the goal/cutoff/cap
 - Your cap is 22 patients for max ADC
 - But you need to see 22, discharge 8, and admit 8
 - So your touches are 30 + discharge touches + rapid response

Patient Volume	5	12	19	26	31
RNs	1	2	3	4	5
Paramedics	1 truck	1 truck	2 trucks	2 trucks	2 trucks
Couriers	1	2	4	6	8
Physicians	1	1	2	2	3



DELIVERY OPTIMIZATION

Efficiency comes down to how tightly we manage the logistics, not just better software:



One coordinated command center

Every delivery is dispatched and tracked from a single hub → no siloed hand-offs.



Dynamic routing & scheduling

Stops are sequenced around each patient's window, location, and acuity.



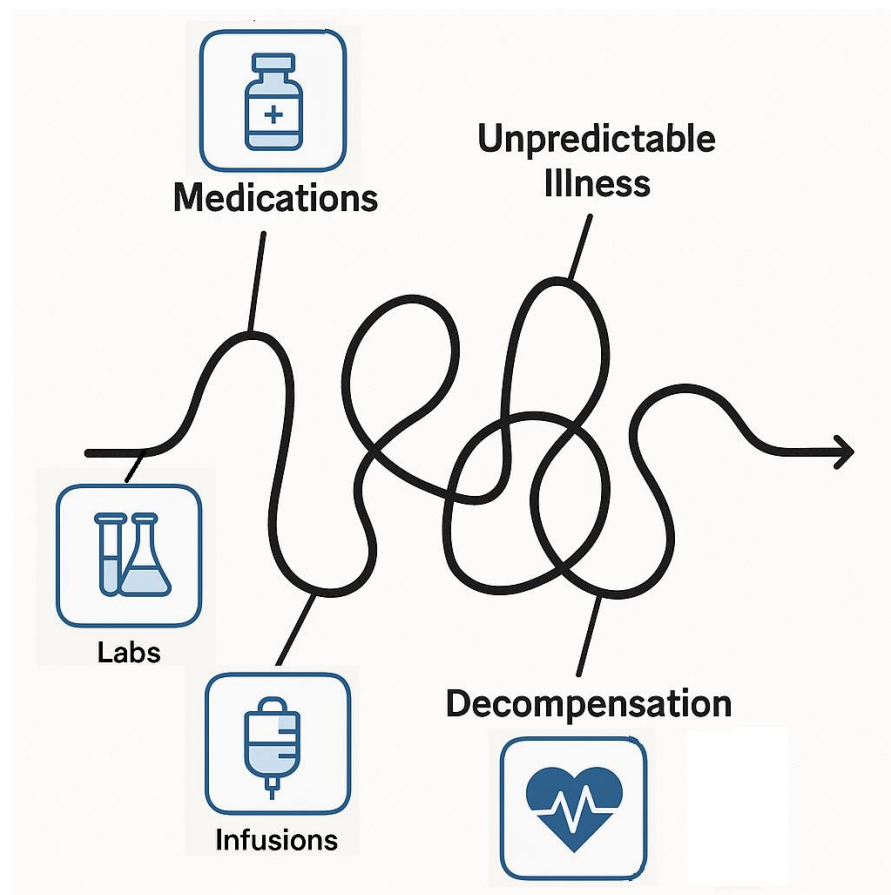
Just-in-time supply staging

Medications, labs, and infusions are staged to arrive exactly when they're needed.



Real-time tracking & re-routing

Live visibility lets us flex the moment illness or decompensation changes the plan.



Challenges To Scale



**Change
Management**



**Delivery
Optimization**



**Future
Workforce**



**Regulatory
Environment**



**Payment
Model**

Rural Spread & Scale

Hospital at Home in rural markets: the opportunity, the fit, and how we scale

Why H@H for rural?

- Rural access is collapsing — **182 rural hospitals** closed since 2010 and **46% run at a loss**, widening care deserts.
- H@H keeps acute care **local**, easing the long travel behind worse rural outcomes.
- Proven in rural: comparable cost & readmissions, more patient activity, strong preference (*JAMA*, 2025).
- Tailwinds: CMS waiver **secured through 2030 + \$50B** state rural funding — and we run the **largest H@H program in the U.S.**

Where it works — and where it's harder

Works well when:

- A waived hospital anchors patients within a serviceable radius
- Reliable connectivity + remote monitoring, with EMS backup
- Predictable medical acuity and local RN / MIH capacity

Harder when:

- Very low density and long distances stretch care orchestration
- Broadband or EMS gaps, or unsuitable home settings
- Thin local workforce or no nearby anchor facility

Rural scale challenges → how we solve them

- **Wide geography:** virtual command center, remote monitoring & MIH visits, drone (Zipline) delivery, Care Hotel option
- **Workforce gaps:** cross-train existing staff, regional pooling, a rural workforce coalition
- **No local waived site:** partner with Critical Access & Rural Emergency Hospitals and CMS; scale within footprint (Stanly, GA, AL, WI)
- **Financial fragility:** lean on the AHCaH waiver + state RHTP funds; disciplined proformas, ramp to 15 ADC

Sources: Chartis Center for Rural Health (2025); JAMA Network Open (Levine et al., 2025); CMS Acute Hospital Care at Home; Advocate Health rural strategy & H@H program updates.

Considerations before spread



Standardization in spread methodology & process



Quality and safety



Technology



Efficiency



Sustainable Financial Performance

Success comes from a spread methodology

1

Current State Analysis

Activity

- Conducting an in-depth analysis of program qualifying cases in divisions to guide expansion:
 - Data Analysis:** capacity and utilization
 - Geographical Analysis**
 - Regulatory Analysis:** Bed licensure, CON, Medicaid, Pharmacy Boards, Community Paramedic

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Future State Modeling

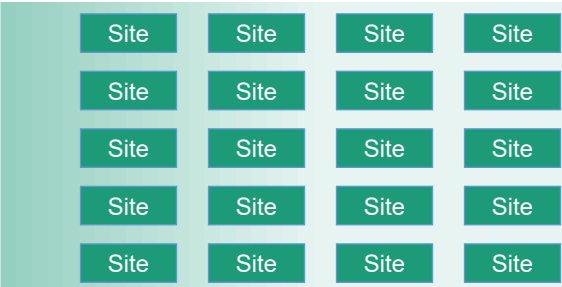
- Gather input from relevant department leads.
- Create models
 - Financial:** Revenue, expenses and assesses
 - Human Capital:** Required staffing based on census
- Have the executive team review the assessment before final site selection.

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Site Selection

- Evaluate modeling and current state analysis
- Select site in division

Outcome



Realtime snapshot of division hospitals to determine readiness and ability to take on H@H program



Detailed financial and resource modeling to determine potential impact of program at selected sites



Division confirms site for expansion

Implementation Process Components

Phase 1: Implementation Planning

- Finalize and Approve Proforma
- Implementation Preparation
- Gap Analysis
- Existing and New Partnership Contract Analysis

Duration Phase 1
1-2 months

Stage Gate

- *Validate organizational stability*

Phase 2: Implementation Build

- Complete Finance Involvement
- Engage Compliance, Legal
- Engage IT
- Engage Government Relations
- Assess and Build Infrastructure (Digital and Physical)
- Internal Marketing & Communication Plan
- HR Collaboration
- Pre-Workflow and Workflow
- Training Materials
- On-Site Training
- Internal Education Plan

Stage 1

2-3 months

Stage 2

2-3 months

Duration Phase 2
4-6 months

Stage Gate

- *Validate implementation build for readiness*

Phase 3: Go Live

- Soft Go-Live
- Ramp-Up
- Post Implementation Optimization

Duration Phase 3
2 months

Gap Analysis

Gap Analysis for Market Assessment Across Sites					
Area of Assessment	Current Capability (Per Site)	Desired State / Standard	Identified Gap	Actions Needed	Expected Timeline
Pharmacy Workflow (First fill, refills, discharge meds)		Streamlined, standardized medication workflow			
Admission Process		Consistent, efficient admission protocol			
Transfer Process		Standardized patient transfer system to H@H.			
Billing Processes		Centralized or standardized billing procedures			
Patient Transportation (all types)		Integrated, on-demand patient transport			
Care in the Home (RN vs Paramedic)		Defined home care staffing model			
Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) (Current Health)		Expanded RPM with support logistics			

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...supported by comprehensive enterprise resources.



Unified clinician care team



Centralized enterprise virtual nursing team



Unified logistics and supply chain structures

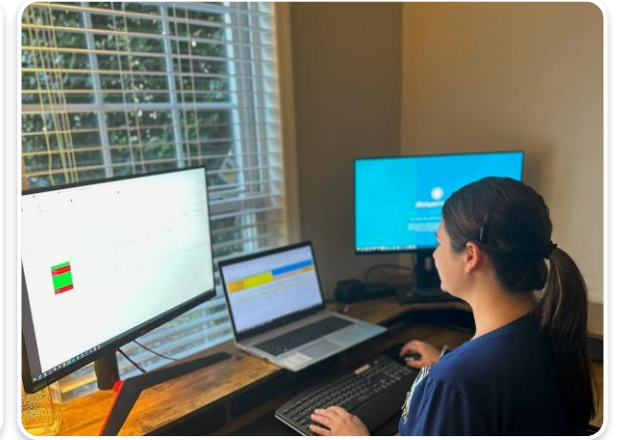
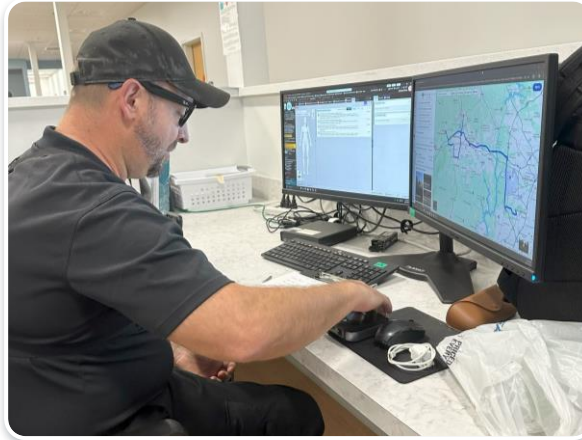
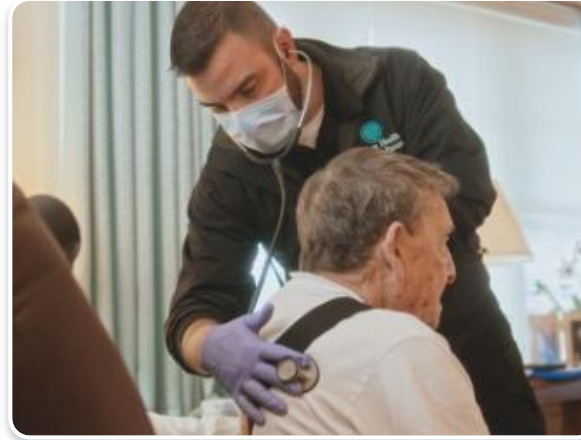
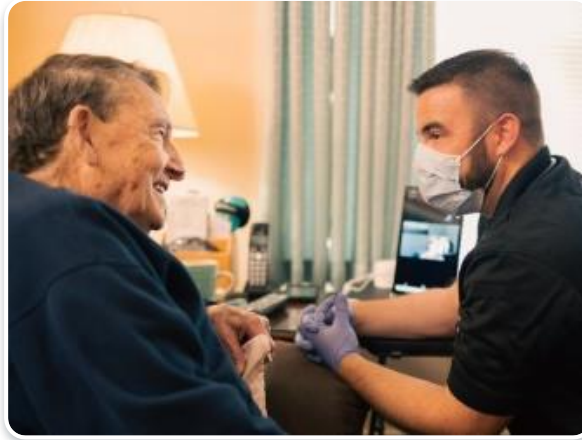


Industry leading Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) team



Transformational care continuum platform

A day in the life.



1. Daily readiness

2. Morning visit

3. Virtual nursing

4. Afternoon visit

5. Team-based care

6. Repeat to discharge