



2016-2017 UPDATE

1st, 2nd & 3rd Qtr Snapshot



Volunteer Physician Network continues to grow and expand programs throughout its service area. The VPN is THE **ONLY ACCESS TO FREE SPECIALTY CARE IN THE STATE OF IOWA!**

The Iowa Legislature granted the VPN \$213,748 before disappropriating funds to \$205,493 in March 2017 and **provided over \$7 Million in specialty care this year alone. That is a return on investment of 3054%** in care and services provided to Iowans through the VPN.



Patients

2,799

Patients served in the 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarters

ROI: 3054%

100%
Are uninsured, don't qualify or cost/premiums are too high.

\$7M
Total cost of care



Interpretation services are offered for over **24** different languages
Interpretation services allow VPN patients to communicate health conditions care plans accurately with VPN specialists.



Providers

Over 484

12 new providers were recruited in 1-3 qtrs. to serve our patients.

These providers represent **more than 60** specialty and subspecialty health care services.

During this quarter the VPN **recruited** new **Gastroenterology, Plastic Surgery, Urology, Podiatry & Vascular Surgery Specialists** to participate in the VPN program.



Partnerships

We have partnerships with **all Des Moines hospitals & surgery centers** in our service area

Together, we have developed innovative programs to fill the gaps in a changing health care system.



We remain committed to providing free access to specialty care for uninsured Iowans through our network of volunteer physicians and partners at Des Moines hospitals and surgery centers.



Patient Service and Impact Snapshots:

CASE #1: VPN received a Nephrology referral for a 46 year old female patient diagnosed with renal failure. The patient has been treated multiple times in the specialist's office and was hospitalized for 15 day period, and required a renal biopsy, testing and several infusions. The specialist will continue ongoing treatment which includes extensive follow up care, additional testing, and referrals to additional specialists. **The cost of care to date is well over \$270,000 and is still incurring with additional services and specialty visits as warranted.**

CASE #2: The VPN received a General Surgery referral for a 38 year old male patient diagnosed with a significant left inguinal hernia. The patient had previously been referred to VPN for an ultrasound that was completed to confirm the hernia. He had been in pain for several months, and his hernia was getting larger, he was missing work due to the pain and was concerned he would lose his job. This patient was referred to a VPN General Surgery specialist. After a consultation and examination; the specialist proceeded to repair the inguinal hernia with mesh. This was a successful outcome for the patient who then returned to work. The cost and care involved for the surgery includes Radiology services, surgical cost of the facility, physician, anesthesiologist, pathology, as well as the ongoing post-operative follow up with the surgeon.

The cost of care for this patient to date is well over \$47,000.00.

Patient Testimonials

"I was missing many days of work due to hernia pain. I couldn't afford to go to a specialist. Thanks to the VPN program and the volunteer surgeon, I was able to have my surgery and go back to work and provide for my family". - Anonymous VPN recipient

"I'm so thankful for the Volunteer Physician Network because they helped my little son get the treatment he needed when I could least afford it." - Ashley, parent of a VPN Child recipient

Doctor Testimonial

"It has been my privilege to have the opportunity to be a part of the Volunteer Physician Network. The VPN strikes to the core of why I entered the field of medicine - to care for the patient with integrity and compassion, irrespective of their ability to pay or station in life. The idealism exemplified by the VPN providers has been inspirational. It is very fulfilling to contribute to the health and expert treatment of patients and their families whose economic circumstances limit access to specialty care. The gratitude these patients display is humbling. I will continue serving Iowans in need through the VPN. We encourage all specialists to participate. Your efforts are meaningful and appreciated; your time will be well spent." - **Philip J. Colletier, M.D.**