

# Physicians Who Care

## Healthcare that leaves no one behind



Physicians Who Care (PWC) is a network of specialty physicians who volunteer their time to provide health care services to uninsured adults. It is designed to ensure a continuum of care exists for “the working poor” in the communities St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS) serves. Each physician pledges to see a self-defined

number of patients per year. Currently, more than 400 physicians are registered in a common database using a web-based specialty referral network, which is maintained by the Physicians Who Care staff. The patient load is spread equally among all physicians that have agreed to participate in the project.

### Highlights

- Since the program began in 2004, PWC provided specialty care to more than 6100 patients, averaging 1200 to 1500 patients a year from 19 different specialties.
- No lawsuits to date.
- Helping patients from SJPHS service area.
- All patients are screened for eligibility.
- Included in SJPHS Community Benefit Report.

### Supports to the program include:

- Diagnostics and hospitalizations will be provided by St. John Providence Health System hospitals.
- Prescriptions will be provided by the community health center where the patient sees their primary care provider.
- Malpractice will be provided for physicians who volunteer to see patients from this project upon request.
- All specialty referrals are reviewed by a Medical Director for appropriateness.

## Services Needed in Our Community

Although services are needed in all specialty areas, the following target services include:

Cardiology	ENT
Gastroenterology	General Surgery
Gynecology	Nephrology
Neurology	Oncology
Orthopedic	Pulmonology
Urology	Vascular Surgery



## Why Should I Do This?

Most physicians decided to become a doctor “To provide curing and caring services to anyone in need”. This project allows them to actualize this goal.

### Some other benefits include:

- Non-paying patient load is shared evenly among a large number of practitioners.
- Comprehensiveness of PWC ensures that recommended treatment, diagnostics and procedures are actually administered. As a result, the patient recovers and stays well, and the practitioner is not faced with treating the same problem again.
- Patients sign a Patient Responsibility Agreement.
- You, the physician, determine the number of patients you will see, i.e. 1 a week, 2 a month, 10 a year or more.
- All eligible patients’ MUST have a primary care medical home that is a partner of the SJPHS Network.
- PWC staff assures that all necessary diagnostic/lab reports are sent to the specialist’s office by the time of appointment.
- Physicians can see patients in their practice or at a specialty clinic.

# Physicians Caring for Those in Need

I would like to be a part of the  
Physicians Who Care network

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact me:

Telephone  work \_\_\_\_\_

home \_\_\_\_\_

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Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact me \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

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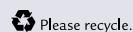
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# Physicians Who Care Program

## Application Form