

# COPD Collaborative saves Georgia hospitals over \$2.3 million

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ATLANTA, Georgia—On April 19, Vizient MidSouth Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) collaborative members were celebrated for their achievements. Over the past two years, their goal was to improve patient care in Georgia by reducing readmissions and average length of stay (ALOS).

Comprised of 11 member organizations, participants collectively worked on projects through group meetings, webinars, conference calls and online tools. They also received personal support from Vizient MidSouth PI staff who came on-site to assist with project planning and strategies to identify key areas that would have the greatest impact on clinical outcomes, efficiencies and financial value. In between visits, the PI staff conducted coaching calls to maintain project momentum.

For 2016, the collaborative reported over \$2.3 million in savings/cost avoidance. While the group contributed to the overall number, the top three members that submitted data, consistently participated and produced significant documented value received Top Performer awards. Congratulations to the following winners!

- DeKalb Medical – North Decatur
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital
- Piedmont Athens Regional

## About Vizient MidSouth

Vizient MidSouth is a membership alliance for not-for-profit health care providers that exists to ensure its members deliver cost-effective care by connecting them with the knowledge, solutions and expertise that accelerate performance.

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