

Collaborative members make significant improvements in their emergency departments; Win Top Performer awards

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ATLANTA, Georgia— Earlier this month, Vizient MidSouth Emergency Department (ED) Throughput Collaborative members were celebrated for their achievements. Over the past year, they have worked to effectively manage patient safety, quality and overall throughput within their emergency departments.

By working together with the Vizient ED Throughput Performance Improvement (PI) Collaborative, Vizient MidSouth members benefited from an enhanced experience by having an opportunity to collaborate on a regional and national level. This included face-to-face meetings, webinars and conference calls where members received valuable education from leading practice experts. They also learned how to use comparative data and received high-touch service via coaching calls from Vizient MidSouth performance improvement staff.

For 2017, the collaborative reported over \$338,000 in aggregate revenue. This was achieved by removing inefficiencies from each of their ED throughput processes, which allowed them to collectively see an additional 667 patients and improve ED metrics anywhere from 7.7 to 28.5 percent. While everyone contributed, the top three members that submitted data to track progress, consistently participated in collaborative meetings and implemented one or more changes as a result of being in the collaborative, received Top Performer awards. Congratulations to the following winners!

- 1st Place— DeKalb Medical - Hillandale
- 2nd Place— WellStar Paulding Hospital
- 3rd Place— Gwinnett Medical Center - Lawrenceville

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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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