

# Total Joint and Spine Collaborative saves Georgia hospitals over \$5.6 million

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ATLANTA, Georgia—On May 10, Vizient MidSouth Total Joint and Spine (TJS) collaborative members were celebrated for their achievements. Over the past two years, they have worked to improve their organization's total joint and spine programs in order to reduce readmissions, cost per case and length of stay.

Comprised of 11 member organizations, participants collaborated to address the future of bundled payments which included care across the continuum, pre-operative physician office visits, pre-op education and preparation, pre- and intra-operative care, hospital inpatient and outpatient care, and discharge follow-up.

Vizient MidSouth members that participated in the group meetings, webinars and conference calls received valuable education from leading practice experts, learned how to use comparative data and benefited from coaching calls from Vizient MidSouth performance improvement staff which helped them maintain project momentum.

For 2016, the collaborative reported over \$5.6 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!

- Piedmont Athens Regional
- Hamilton Health Care System, Inc.
- WellStar Douglas Hospital

## 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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