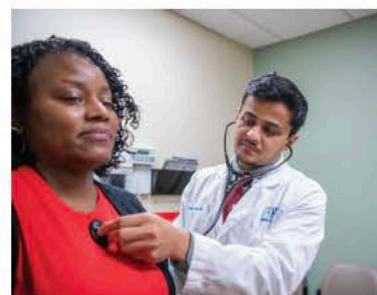
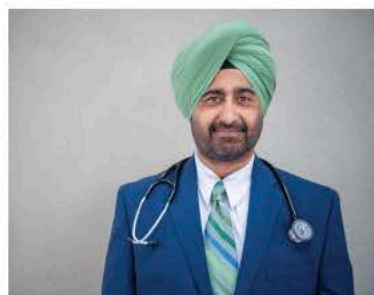
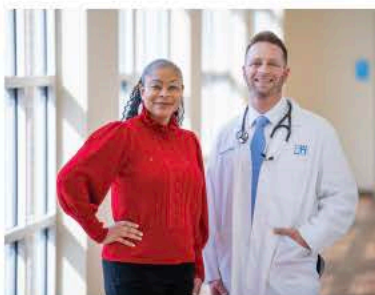




On December 2, HopeHealth hosted its annual AIDS Walk at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza. AIDS Walk has been hosted by HopeHealth since 1993, and serves to bring awareness about the importance of prevention, treatment, and breaking the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. This year, HopeHealth in Aiken hosted an AIDS Walk as well.

Monthly Quality Measures



HopeHealth utilizes monthly quality measures to help us focus on the most pressing health concerns for patients in our area. The clinical quality focuses for this quarter are:

December: HIV/AIDS

Measures include screening for HIV and informing patients about prevention and treatment options for HIV/AIDS (including PrEP and PEP).

January: Obesity

Measures include BMI screening, nutrition counseling, activity counseling, and maintaining healthy A1c levels.

February: Cardiovascular Health

Measures include controlling high blood pressure, aortic aneurysm screening, and utilizing statin medications.



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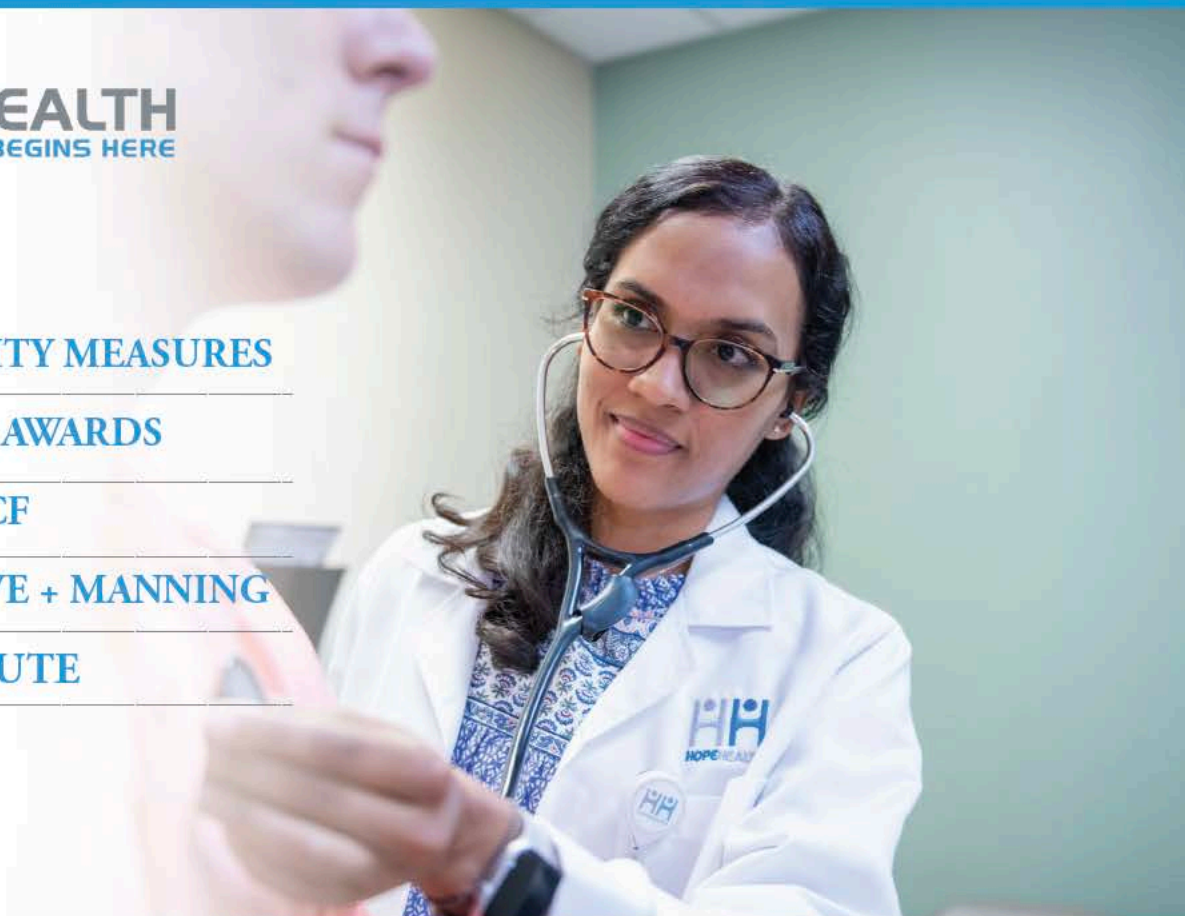
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Introducing The Diabetes Institute



Diabetes affects 38 million people in the United States - nearly one in eight people. South Carolina has one of the highest rates of diabetes, with 30,000 diagnosed in the state each year. To help meet this growing need, HopeHealth established The Diabetes Institute to provide the highest quality care for people at-risk for or living with diabetes. The Diabetes Institute is the area's most comprehensive resource for diabetes and endocrinology care. The team of endocrinologists, nurse practitioner, registered nurses, certified diabetes educators, registered dietitians, care navigators, community health workers, and support staff works together to provide individualized care.

The Diabetes Institute incorporates educational opportunities to help empower each patient to manage their diabetes. Free community class offerings for this year include Food4Health (basic nutrition), Cook4health (cooking courses), Diabetes Talk, Food Talk, and walking group classes.

In addition to providing comprehensive care for diabetes, HopeHealth's fellowship-trained endocrinologists assess and provide treatment for the full spectrum of medical conditions associated with the endocrine system.

At The Diabetes Institute, our team of medical professionals works together to help each patient find the best care. Accepting referrals now. Call us today at (843) 432-3717 to establish care and take charge of your health!

NEW PROVIDERS



Eboni Littlejohn, LMSW

Eboni Littlejohn is a behavioral health consultant in the Pain Center at HopeHealth on Palmetto Street. She graduated from Limestone College in Gaffney, SC with a Bachelor of Social Work, and from Baylor University with a Master of Social Work. She is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CB).



Nicholas Lee, LPC

Nicholas Lee is a licensed professional behavioral counselor at the HopeHealth Medical Plaza in Florence. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Charleston Southern University and a Master in clinical counseling from the Citadel both in Charleston, South Carolina. He completed his internship at iHope Christian Counseling Center in Florence, South Carolina.



Barbara Slusher, MSW, PA-C, DFAAPA

Barbara Slusher is a physician assistant providing rheumatology care at HopeHealth in Manning. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Work and a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of North Texas in Fort Worth, Texas.

HopeHealth Celebrates 700 Employees



In September, we had the honor of welcoming Karen Dougherty, our 700th employee, to HopeHealth! Our Chief Executive Officer Carl Humphries was also recognized for 23 years with the organization and Chief Administrative Officer Deena Hilton was celebrated as the very first HopeHealth employee. HopeHealth staff celebrated with balloons, noisemakers, and streamers to help commemorate these special milestones.

Congratulations to the winners of the seventh annual **HopeHealth Golf Classic**! Held on November 16 at the Wyboo Golf Club in Manning, all proceeds from the tournament benefit the Compassionate Care Fund.

Championship Flight Winner:

HopeHealth CEO Carl Humphries, Henry Humphries, Jon Weiss, Sr., Jon Weiss, Jr.

First Flight Winner:

Matt Severance, Bob Harrington, MUSC Health CEO Jay Hinesley, Jason Cox

Second Flight Winner:

Barry Jennings, Michael Tomson, Kenny Wayne Jackson, Ryan Moyer



compassionate
care ♥ fund

HopeHealth patients may experience barriers to their health care needs that cannot be met directly by our providers. The Compassionate Care Fund exists to contribute to these unmet needs, such as the cost of specialty care and emergency assistance.



☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500
☐ \$1000 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ I've enclosed a check payable to HopeHealth.

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☐ Yes, I would like to make a donation to the HopeHealth Compassionate Care Fund.



On Wednesday, November 22, Victors hosted its annual **Thanksgiving Eve Block Party**. In lieu of an entry fee, attendees were asked to donate to HopeHealth's **Compassionate Care Fund**. The Compassionate Care Fund exists to bridge the gap to quality health care by contributing to patients' unmet needs.

Within the Compassionate Care Fund is HopeHealth's **Children of Hope program**, designed to provide patient families in need with Christmas gifts and household items to bring holiday joy. During the month of July, HopeHealth employees donated \$45,150 through the Christmas in July campaign to support the Children of Hope Program. The additional funds raised at the Thanksgiving Eve event, in part, will allow HopeHealth to provide additional gifts to patient families identified as having significant need.



HopeHealth in Manning has undergone an exciting renovation to better serve patients. Newly-constructed Building B now holds Manning's specialty services - women's health, rheumatology, behavioral health, and our newest offering, endocrinology. Building B also serves to connect the adult and pediatric buildings. Stay tuned for more updates coming to HopeHealth in Manning, including a new **HopeHealth Pharmacy**!