

Diabetes Management is Vizient Southern States' 2019 Outstanding Collaborative of the Year

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ATLANTA, Georgia—On March 25, the Diabetes Management Collaborative was awarded Outstanding Collaborative of the Year by Vizient Southern States for the second year in a row!

In 2019, the collaborative shared common goals that included reducing readmissions, average length of stay (ALOS), emergency department revisits and insulin adverse drug events (ADE) for their hospitals' diabetes populations.

Using evidence-based strategies and process improvements focused on diabetes management across the care continuum, participants delivered **\$18,093,192** in documented value for 2019. This total was collectively achieved by **50 percent** of the group, who gave the collaborative a **93 percent** approval rating.

"Being a part of Vizient Southern States has given us the ability to network with our colleagues and share our knowledge in diabetes care. While we understand we have the same obstacles as our peers, we have also learned innovative ways to overcome those, and that has been very beneficial. Additionally, our participation in Vizient collaboratives has opened up communication channels which has enabled us to problem-solve in many ways and has made a direct impact on the care we give our patients," said Terri Patterson, RN, BSN, CDE, Diabetes Program Coordinator, Anderson Regional Medical Center.

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