# Virtual Nursing at Emplify Health Gundersen Region

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# Agenda

- 1) Our Purpose
- 2) Use Cases
- 3) Our Wins
- 4) Future Work



### **Our Purpose**

Mission

Together, we inspire your best life by relentlessly caring, learning and innovating.



### **Our Aspiration**

Vision

Leading with love, we courageously commit to a future of healthy people and thriving communities



### **Our Spirit**

Values

Belonging, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Teamwork, Humility

# **Our Continued Purpose**

**2024 Enterprise WIGS** 



WIG #1: Increase Access
Ease of Appointment at 78th percentile

WIG #2: Acute Virtual Nursing

Care "Patient Likelihood to Recommend" will increase by 5 pts & Nurse Vacancy will decrease by 5 pts (on pilot units) **2025 Enterprise Strategic Portfolio Work** 



- Create Frictionless Access
- Transform Primary Care
- Pharmacy Optimization
- Segmentation
- Virtual Nursing Phase II & III

# **Continued Purpose**

# **Enterprise Goals**

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2025 Enterprise WIG: Fusion Implementation (Phase 1)

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### + 5 Year Transformational Goals

Community Health Score

85.5% Report Health – Related Quality of Life as Thriving Healthcare Affordability

Premium Increases for Emplify Health Employer Partners 2% Below Average



#### 5 Year Cascaded Foundational Goals

Workforce Engagement: PG 4.07 Patient
Experience Ne
Promoter Score
90<sup>th</sup> Percentile

Quality & Patient Safety GPA:

5.0

Annual
Operating
Margin:
3%

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# Virtual Nursing Tasks

- Admission
- Discharge
- Education
- Mentorship
- Night Rounding
- Dual Medication Sign Off
- Interpreter Services
- Meds to Go (Pharmacy)

# Wins – Since March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

\*Gathered Data March 27th, 2025\*

## **All Tasks**

2,824 hours and 4 minutes in calls with patients

~8 hours and 13 minutes a day

# **Discharges**

5,394 discharges completed 826 hours and 18 minutes

### **Admissions**

5,796 admissions completed 1,136 hours and 28 minutes

## Patient Education

5,639 patients educated 483 hours and 38 minutes

# Scorecard

2025 Goals - Workforce Engagement, Patient Experience, and Quality Bundles

Net Promoter Score – Patient Likelihood to Recommend

### Cardiopulmonary:

• March 2024: 83 ☐ January 2025: 91

### Heritage:

March 2024: 18 

 □ March 2025: 52



# **Patient Experience**

"Patient loved the vRN service, had no issues with technology or connectivity."

"vRN is a great idea, and "kudos to whoever came up with the idea"

"Loved vRN. It was nice to have the nurse who did their admission initially at bedside, and then a couple of days later have that same nurse as the vRN"



# Staff Experience

- "I have the ability to spend time with my patients and be uninterrupted with endless amounts of time."
- "I don't feel as stressed in the Virtual Nursing space. But I also enjoy the mix of still working the floor."
- "I truly feel that I can continue to make connections with patients virtually."
- "It's better for patients more uninterrupted time with a nurse."
- "Discharges are happening faster."
- "Saves time, then I can focus on immediate tasks."

# **Future Work**



Summer Student Research for Workforce Engagement



Al for falls & Pressure Injury Prevention



**Critical Access Hospitals** 



Facilitating Consults and other Interdisciplinary Teams



# **Questions**

