

The primary objective of Saint Luke's Care is to increase the efficiency and quality of medical care through the use of evidence-based best practice medicine.

Participation in Saint Luke's Care is voluntary. Participating members are advocates of evidence-based best practice medicine. They help advance the collection and reporting of clinical outcomes and promote collaboration with other physicians and health system leaders.

Saint Luke's Care is led by a governing board with a direct reporting relationship to the Saint Luke's Health System Board of Directors.

Saint Luke's Care offers many benefits to its physician membership.



SAINT LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM

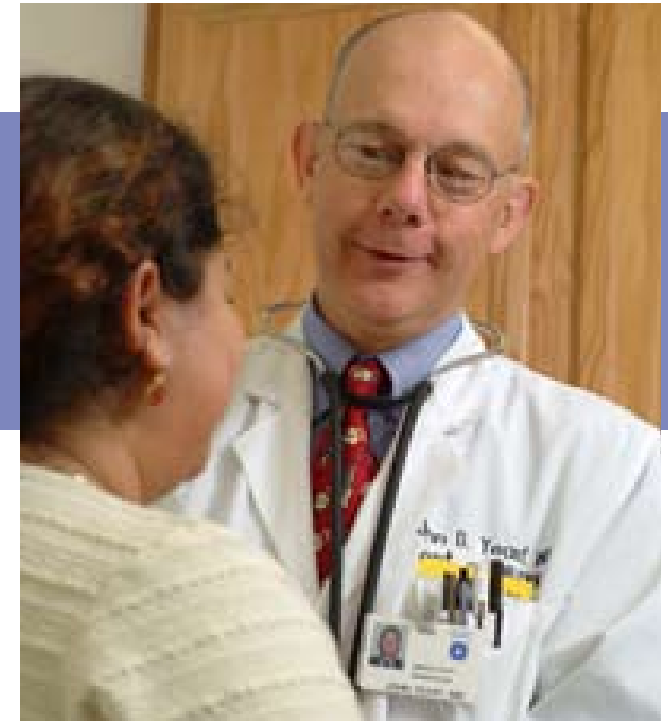
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# WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S CARE

Saint Luke's Care is a physician-led entity that is dedicated to quality medical care through the use of evidence-based best practice medicine.



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## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All physicians who are committed and meet the following requirements will be eligible for participation:

- Active or equivalent status medical staff member in good standing at a Saint Luke's Health System facility.
- Committed to evidence-based best practice medicine and to utilizing Saint Luke's Care best practice guidelines when appropriate for patient's circumstances.
- Support and participate in clinical data collection and review.
- Participation in Saint Luke's Care-sponsored CME programs.
- Maintaining proficiency in the Saint Luke's Health System clinical information system.
- Maintaining an active e-mail address for Saint Luke's Care. (Saint Luke's Care member e-mail address will be used solely for Saint Luke's Care purposes.)

## BEST PRACTICE TEAMS AND GUIDELINES

The primary goal of Saint Luke's Care is the delivery of evidence based best practice medicine to our patients. The Saint Luke's Care Best Practice Teams (BPTs) develop system-wide best practice clinical guidelines. BPTs are specialty-specific groups of clinicians led by Saint Luke's Care physician experts. The BPTs are responsible for the development of Saint Luke's Care best practice guidelines that include clinical maps, protocols, and physician order sets. The BPTs will be driven by data / outcome analysis and review.

Saint Luke's Care clinical practice guidelines are developed through evidence-based research. The decisions of the BPTs are driven by the best available clinical evidence, clinical expertise, and patient values. Critical literature review and rigorous discussion are essential components of the BPTs' success.

Collection, analysis and presentation of quality outcome data and information to campus committees, physicians, and boards by Saint Luke's Care leaders also drive the performance improvement process. The result is continuously improving clinical care.

Saint Luke's Care BPTs will exist for both medical and surgical specialties.

## BENEFITS

### Computer Hardware

Is your medical office up to speed for all the latest technology? Saint Luke's Care members are eligible to receive discounts on computer hardware through VHA/Novation purchasing agreements.

### SLHS Information Services

Saint Luke's Care recognizes that e-mail is the preferred method of communication in today's high-tech world. If you would like to be connected with the Saint Luke's network, it's never too late to start.

A Saint Luke's e-mail account is easily created and activated and can help you stay connected to your colleagues in and out of Saint Luke's Health System facilities.

Saint Luke's Information Services will also help set up your new computer system for secure remote access, PACS and other state-of-the-art technology.

### Online Health Resources

[saintlukeshalthsystem.org](http://saintlukeshalthsystem.org)

Make sure to refer your patients to a reliable source of online health information. The Saint Luke's Web site is a comprehensive health site providing:

- Health Topics
- Illness and Conditions
- Medical Test Information
- Medication Reference Guide
- Self Help Resources
- Interactive Health Tools
- Personalized Web Page

### Personalized Web Page

The Saint Luke's Health System's Web site, [saintlukeshalthsystem.org](http://saintlukeshalthsystem.org), receives nearly 680,000 page views each month. Of those, 70,000 are within the Find a Doctor area. Saint Luke's Care physician participants will be designated as a Saint Luke's Care physician on their individual Web pages. They will be listed first when customers conduct a physician search. Saint Luke's Care physicians will also have the option to include a link to their practice Web site from their individual Web pages.

### Saint Luke's Health System's NurseLine Physician Referral

Saint Luke's Health System's NurseLine makes on average 1,200 physician referrals each month. When making a physician referral, customers will be informed if the physician is a participant in Saint Luke's Care.

### Office Staffing

Saint Luke's Care recognizes the importance that well-trained and competent staff plays in the overall success of a physician's office. Saint Luke's Care is proud to offer its physician participants the same discounts and value-added services that have been provided to Saint Luke's Hospital for more than 15 years. Top Resources will provide Saint Luke's Care participants a 20 percent savings on temporary or direct hire office staff candidates along with many more training and consultation services.

### Office Purchasing Program

Would you like to be among the many physicians who have started saving money from medical, pharmaceutical, and office supplies? Take advantage of the Saint Luke's Care/VHA Professional Services Program.

This program provides physician offices with the VHA discounts that are typically enjoyed only by large health systems. The Saint Luke's Care / VHA Professional Services Program help physician offices realize significant savings on a portfolio of products and services that meet their specific needs. You can benefit from a savings of 10 to 35 percent in supply and service expenses and also take advantage of great discounts.

Supply purchasing consists of laboratory products, imaging supplies, medical/surgical products, office supplies, equipment, and pharmaceuticals.

Administrative and facility services include computer hardware and software, telecommunication services (long distance, local, and wireless), as well as other administrative and facility services.

***If you would like more information about Saint Luke's Care Benefits, please contact the Saint Luke's Care office at (816) 932-1599.***