

Wake Forest Baptist Health Partners with Verily to Improve the Health and Independence of Older Adults

South San Francisco, CA -- December 12, 2019 -- Verily, an Alphabet company, is partnering with Wake Forest Baptist Health and its Center for Healthcare Innovation to implement new solutions to improve the health and wellness of older adults and help them remain independent at home.

The research partnership will leverage Wake Forest Baptist's unique expertise as a national leader in healthy aging and Alzheimer's disease research and clinical care, with Verily's expertise in product development and engineering. The partners aim to develop more effective ways to connect patients with health care professionals and the resources needed to better deliver long-term rather than episodic care.

The research partnership will test interventions that promote physical and cognitive independence and facilitate greater involvement of older adults in decisions related to their health and wellness preferences. All interventions tested with patients will require Wake Forest Baptist's Internal Review Board (IRB) approval, which is an established, rigorous process used for research at the health system today.

"We're pleased to partner with Verily to assess technologies that will provide older adults with better access to healthcare and wellness without having to leave their homes," said Jeff Williamson, M.D, chief of geriatric medicine and director, Center for Healthcare Innovation at Wake Forest Baptist Health. "The goal is to help this rapidly growing segment of our population to take an active role in living their most healthy and independent life in a familiar setting -- their home."

"Keeping people healthy at home through all stages of life is foundational to our work at Verily," said Vivian Lee MD, president of health platforms, Verily. "By partnering with Wake Forest Baptist, we can provide new monitoring and collaboration tools to patients and clinicians and will learn directly from their experience."

Verily has announced a series of projects across clinical research and clinical care that are geared toward supporting ecosystem advancement for value-based care. Wake Forest Baptist

joins Atrius Health, Veterans Administration Palo Alto and other progressive healthcare leaders who are part of this growing ecosystem. Learn more at <https://verily.com/press>.

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About Verily

Launched in 2015, Verily is a subsidiary of Alphabet focused on life sciences and healthcare. Verily's mission is to make the world's health data useful so that people enjoy healthier lives. Verily develops tools and devices to collect, organize and activate health data, and creates interventions to prevent and manage disease. Verily partners with leading life sciences, medical device and government organizations, using deep hardware, software, scientific, and healthcare expertise to enable faster development, meaningful advances, and deployment at scale. For more information, please visit www.verily.com.

About Wake Forest Baptist Health

Wake Forest Baptist Health (www.wakehealth.edu) is a pre-eminent academic health system based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Wake Forest Baptist's two main components are an integrated clinical system – anchored by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, an 885-bed tertiary-care hospital in Winston-Salem – that includes [Brenner Children's Hospital](#), five community hospitals, more than 300 primary and specialty care locations and more than 2,500 physicians; and [Wake Forest School of Medicine](#), a recognized leader in experiential medical education and groundbreaking research that includes [Wake Forest Innovations](#), a commercialization enterprise focused on advancing health care through new medical technologies and biomedical discovery.

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