# Verily Partners with Veterans Administration Palo Alto Healthcare System and Atrius Health to Deploy Solutions for Improving Population Health and the Value of Care Delivery

South San Francisco, CA -- October 24, 2019 -- Verily, an Alphabet company, today announced partnerships with the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Healthcare System (VAPAHCS) and Atrius Health to evaluate and deploy new tools and interventions aimed at optimizing care delivery. The partnerships leverage Verily's deep experience in data ingestion, analytics, behavioral activation and product development to improve the value of care.

"These progressive partners are joining a growing community of health systems, accountable care organizations and government entities, who have partnered with us to research and deploy products that improve the healthcare experience for patients and providers," said Vivian Lee MD, president of health platforms, Verily. "At Verily, we are committed to improving outcomes and reducing waste in the healthcare system. We believe that by empowering patients and providers with new engaging tools and actionable data, we are driving toward a value-based healthcare system that benefits all stakeholders."

VA Palo Alto Healthcare System (VAPAHCS) provides comprehensive patient care services and is one of the top three research programs in Veteran Administration. VAPAHCS is collaborating with Verily to analyze and improve the value of healthcare delivered across high priority condition areas, with initial focus on total knee arthroplasty, acute myocardial infarction, and alcohol withdrawal care. The collective goal is to empower VA staff with tools to increase quality and efficiency, and in the process potentially identify new opportunities for enhanced practice guidelines for VA sites across the country.

"This collaboration provides healthcare tools and expertise as part of our mission to ensure Veterans receive the best and most advanced healthcare available," said U.S. Army Veteran and VAPAHCS Director Thomas J. Fitzgerald III. "This initiative is part of our broader commitment, through the recently launched National Center for Collaborative Healthcare Innovation, to bring cutting-edge innovation and technology to VA."

Atrius Health, New England's largest independent medical group and a national leader in value based care, is committed to evidence-based care and population health management that keeps patients out of the emergency department. Verily will analyze population health data from Atrius in order to identify clinical drivers of hospitalization risk and interventions available to mitigate risk for various types of heart failure patients. The partners aim to deploy new tools that help clinicians intervene earlier and better manage patients with heart failure with the goal of reducing avoidable emergency department visits or hospitalizations.

"We look forward to collaborating with Verily to enhance the patient experience and reduce the overall cost of care by keeping our patients healthy in their communities rather than in the hospital," said Steve Strongwater, MD, President & CEO, Atrius Health. "This initiative will enable us to dive deep into the underlying challenges faced by our patients with heart failure and to deploy new tools and interventions that provide them the right care when they need it."

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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 VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

VA Palo Alto Health Care System consists of three inpatient facilities located at Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Livermore, Calif. Also, there are seven outpatient clinics in San Jose, Capitola, Monterey, Stockton, Modesto, Sonora, and Fremont, Calif. These nationally recognized facilities provide award-winning medical care and cutting-edge technology. Along with its academic affiliate at the Stanford University School of Medicine, the more than 6,200 staff and volunteers operate nearly 800 beds, including three nursing homes and a 100-bed homeless domiciliary, showing its more than 85,000 enrolled Veterans that they are "Serving those who Served." Visit us on the web at www.paloalto.va.gov. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Disclaimer: "Reference to any non-governmental entity, product, service or information does not constitute an endorsement by the VA or any of its employees."

### **About Atrius Health**

Atrius Health, an innovative nonprofit healthcare leader, delivers an effective system of connected care for more than 745,000 adult and pediatric patients at 31 medical practice locations in eastern Massachusetts. Atrius Health's 715 physicians and primary care providers, along with 425 additional clinicians, work together with the home health and hospice services of

our VNA Care subsidiary and in close collaboration with hospital partners, community specialists and skilled nursing. Our vision is to transform care to improve lives. Atrius Health provides high-quality, patient-centered, coordinated, cost effective care to every patient we serve. By establishing a solid foundation of shared decision making, understanding and trust with each of its patients, Atrius Health enhances their health and enriches their lives. Atrius Health is the sole Allied Member of The Permanente Federation. Learn more at www.atriushealth.org.

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