

THE PATIENT'S NAVIGATOR

November 2020
Access Now - a program of the Richmond Academy of Medicine

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Total number of patients seen since Access Now began
15,615



Total current number of specialty care volunteers
1,080



Total reported value of donated care since Access Now began
\$54.3 million

Patient screening form now available online

Access Now recently unveiled a new way to save clinic staff time and ensure our existing patients' continuity of care with their specialists. Also, during COVID-19, this helps limit in-person visits to complete paperwork.

Patients now can complete the Access Now Universal Screening Form online.

Before patients can apply, they must first be a patient at a participating clinic and have received a referral to see a specialist.

If you are a partner clinic and would like to find out more, please contact Leslie Gibson at 804-622-8143.

For more information or to access the online form, [CLICK HERE](#).



"My doctors and other personnel who support them have worked together to afford me security and protection of the highest possible quality. The care I have received instills the deepest gratitude for the humanitarian assistance provided to me." - Dora A., patient

Meet our Board: Hazle Konerding, MD

The Access Now Board is comprised of dedicated volunteers who support our mission and help guide our future.

Hazle Konerding, MD, serves as our Board Treasurer. She explains why she volunteers her time with Access Now.

How does your "day job" relate to Access Now?

As a physician, I treat patients every day, including Access Now



patients. I see the need for Access Now.

What made you decide to join the Access Now Board and why have you stayed?

I was asked if I would serve, and I thought it was a worthwhile endeavor. It is difficult for some people to get the services they need, and we are spreading out the cause so that no one physician is overwhelmed. It's a very good system, and it works very well.

How long have you been on the Board?

Since the beginning. I've served in several capacities, including as President.

What do you think is the most important component of Access Now?

Physicians have confidence in the referral system. None of us wants to turn away someone who needs us, but some doctors are leery of being taken advantage of.

How does Access Now enrich our community?

Access Now takes care of the poorest and most vulnerable among us. We are able to address conditions before they progress, and we are limiting the spread of disease in our community.

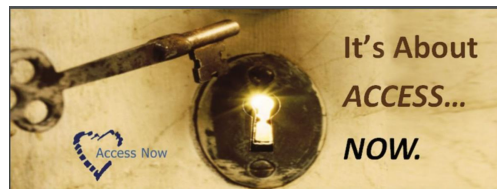
What else would you like to tell us?

I think this is something every community should have, but not many do. There are so many vulnerable patients who need care.

Look for us in the RTD

Access Now is grateful for the more than 1,000 volunteers who donate time and resources each year.

At Thanksgiving, we take more time to reflect on these gifts and to thank everyone who supports us.



Look for our full-page ad in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Sunday, Nov. 29!

"My Access Now doctors take good care of me, are kind and understand me. I know that when one gives love and patience it will get back to you as well." – Arminda G., patient

Thank you for your service to Access Now!

Access Now wishes to thank the following physicians who retired or will retire in 2020. We couldn't have done all we have without their dedication.

- Dr. Douglas Barnas, Richmond OB-GYN
- Dr. Archer Baskerville, Richmond Cardiology Associates
- Dr. Ellen Bedicheck, Richmond Nephrology Associates
- Dr. Paul Bullock, Virginia Eye Institute
- Dr. Walter Bundy III, Virginia Eye Institute
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- Dr. Geoffrey Cooper, Virginia Eye Institute
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- Dr. Michael Kelly, Richmond Cardiology Consultants
- Dr. John Van Manen, OrthoVirginia
- Dr. David McGroarty, Richmond Gastroenterology Associates
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Dr. Dale Christopher Young, OrthoVirginia
Dr. Kenneth Zaslav, OrthoVirginia



"You have no idea of how grateful I am for your help and attention. Otherwise, I could not have been able to fulfill my medical needs." – Eva D., patient

Volunteer physicians needed!

Access Now depends on the generous support of physicians who donate their services so that every patient has a chance for the specialty care they so desperately need.

Currently, we're looking for specialists in the areas of:

- Neurosurgery
- Nephrology
- Ophthalmology
- Podiatry
- Wound Care



Holiday hours



Access Now wishes all our patients, donors and volunteers the happiest of holidays.

To give our fabulous staff some time off, we'll be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 3.

Access Now

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