

ACUPUNCTURE

Through local community partnerships with an Acupuncturist, patients can experience acupuncture as an in-house service that is billed through insurance or offered at a sliding scale rate.

Sustainability:

A local acupuncturist is imbedded into the care team, but has a facility- use agreement to provide in-house services to patients who have a referral through their primary care provider. This enhances the show rate of our population to this specific service and is offered as a resource for patients suffering with chronic pain. The acupuncturist is here three and a half days a week (based on a needs assessment). This service can be billed to insurance through acupuncture practice and a sliding scale fee available that is income-based.

Opportunity/Future Aspirations:

Complete incorporation of acupuncture into the care team, offering services as not only an engagement effort, but a service provided while patient is here for provider visit.

There is opportunity being explored with a chronic pain program and collaboration of Acupuncture, Physical Therapy and Massage.

Challenges:

Finding the right price for the right service for patient need.