

NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY PROGRAM

46th Quarterly Progress Update

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NC-STeP Advisory Council Meeting Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Agenda

- 10:30- 10:35 .m. Welcome and Introductions
- 10:35- 10:40 a.m. Review and Approval of December 2nd, 2024 Minutes
- 10:40- 11:30 a.m. NC-STeP FY25-Q2 (October-December 2024) Performance Data
- 11:30- 11:40 p.m. Updates on Grants-Funded Programs
 - MOTHeRS Project
 - NC-STeP-Peds
 - Elizabeth City State University Project
- 11:40- 11:50 a.m. Site visits
- 11:50- 11:55 a.m. Old Business
- 11:50- 11:55 a.m. New Business
- 11:55-12:00 p.m. Announcements
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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- 11. Ashley Stoop, MPH Health Director, Albemarle Regional Health Services

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- 4. Sheila Davies, Ph.D., NC-STeP/MedAccess Partners
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- 6. Nick Galvez, DHHS-ORH
- 7. Katherine Jones, Ph.D., NC-STeP/ECU
- 8. Maggie Sauer, DHHS-ORH

- 28 hospitals were live
- 23 hospitals reporting Telepsychiatry patients in their ED
 - not all live hospitals had telepsychiatry patients
- Total number of assessments for this quarter = 923
- Total number of encounters for this quarter = 839



- The Median Length of Stay was 32.7 hours
- The Average Length of Stay was 47.3 hours
 - 38.2 hours for those discharged to home
 - 51.4 hours for those transferred to another facility
- Average Consult Elapsed Time (in Queue to Exam Complete) for Model 1 hospitals was 4 hours and 13 minutes.



- 592 ED patients who received telepsychiatry services had an IVC in place during their ED stay.
 - 181 (30.7%) of those patients did not have an IVC in place when discharged.
- Of the ED patients who received telepsychiatry services:
 - 48.2% were discharged to home
 - 45.3% were discharged to another facility



- 24 Community based sites were live as of 12/31/2024.
- There were 2,006 total behavioral health visits.
 - 89 visits with a Psychiatrist.
 - 1,917 visits with a behavioral health manager.



| NC-STeP | Since project inception in November 2013 | Quarter Jan- Mar 2024 | Quarter Apr- Jun 2024 | Quarter Jul- Sep 2024 | Quarter Oct- Dec 2024 |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Patient Encounters | 51,409 | 798 | 920 | 909 | 839 |
| Model 1 Hospital Patient Encounters | 33,729 | 737 | 837 | 839 | 777 |
| Model 2 Hospital Patient Encounters | 17,680 | 61 | 83 | 70 | 62 |
| Total Number of Assessments (Billed Assessments for Model 1 Hospitals + Number of Patient Encounters for Model 2 Hospitals) | 65,312 | 887 | 1,040 | 1,018 | 923 |

| NC-STeP | Since project inception in November 2013 | Calendar Year 2013 | Calendar Year 2014 | Calendar Year 2015 | Calendar Year 2016 | Calendar Year 2017 | Calendar Year 2018 |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Patient Encounters | 51,409 | 942 | 5,144 | 7,128 | 1,896 | 3,971 | 6,104 |
| Model 1 Hospital Patient Encounters | 33,729 | 942 | 4,578 | 5,849 | 706 | 2,044 | 2,654 |
| Model 2 Hospital Patient Encounters | 17,680 | | 566 | 1,279 | 1,190 | 1,927 | 3,450 |
| Total Number of Assessments (Billed Assessments for Model 1 Hospitals + Number of Patient Encounters for Model 2 Hospitals) | 65,312 | 874 | 8,130 | 13,573 | 1,942 | 4,348 | 6,680 |

| NC-STeP | Since project inception in November 2013 | Calendar Year 2019 | Calendar Year 2020 | Calendar Year 2021 | Calendar Year 2022 | Calendar Year 2023 | Calendar Year 2024 |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Patient Encounters | 51,409 | 4,835 | 4,305 | 4,763 | 5,124 | 3,731 | 3,466 |
| Model 1 Hospital Patient Encounters | 33,729 | 1,902 | 2,152 | 2,897 | 3,328 | 3,487 | 3,190 |
| Model 2 Hospital Patient Encounters | 17,680 | 2,933 | 2,153 | 1,866 | 1,796 | 244 | 276 |
| Total Number of Assessments (Billed Assessments for Model 1 Hospitals + Number of Patient Encounters for Model 2 Hospitals) | 65,312 | 5,287 | 4,820 | 5,641 | 5,923 | 4,226 | 3,868 |

NC-STeP Benchmarks

| | Goals | Values Reached | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|----------|
| NC-STeP | Cumulative Target to be reached by (06/30/2025) | Value Reached as of most recent previous quarter (09/30/2024) | Value Reached as of this reporting quarter (12/31/2024) | Year-to-Date Total with % of the Yearly Target (12/31/2024) | |
| Number of IVCs | 2,229 | 618 | 592 | 1,210 54.3% of Yea | arly Tar |
| Number of IVCs Overturned | 1,133 | 201 | 182 | 383 33.8% of Yea | arly Tar |
| Total Number of Assessments (Billed assessments for Model 1 hospitals + Number of patient encounters for Model 2 hospitals.) | 3,400 | 1,018 | 923 | 1,941 57.1% of Yea | arly Tar |

| EVALUATION CRITERIA | BASELINE VALUES/MEASURES AS REPORTED ON 06/30/2024 | TARGET TO BE REACHED BY 06/30/2025 | VALUES/MEASURES REACHED AS OF 12/31/2024 |
|--|---|--|--|
| The number of full- time equivalent (FTE) positions supported by these contracts | 4.30 FTEs | 4.30 FTEs | 4.30 FTEs |
| 2. The number of overturned involuntary commitments (inpatient admission prevented) | 903 | 1,133 | 182 in this quarter Cumulative total since program inception 11,346 |
| 3. The number of participating consultant providers | 23 | 24 | 24 |



| EVALUATION CRITERIA | BASELINE VALUES/MEASURES AS REPORTED ON 06/30/2024 | TARGET TO BE REACHED BY 06/30/2025 | VALUES/MEASURES REACHED AS OF 12/31/2024 |
|--|---|--|---|
| 4. The number of telepsychiatry assessments conducted. | 4,092 | 3,400 | 923 in this quarter Cumulative total since program inception 65,312 |
| 5. The number of telepsychiatry referring sites | 28 | 29 | 28 |
| The reports of involuntary commitments to enrolled hospitals | 2,649 | 2,229 | 592 in this quarter Cumulative total since program inception 31,757 |



| EVALUATION CRITERIA | BASELINE VALUES/MEASURES AS REPORTED ON 06/30/2024 | TARGET TO BE REACHED BY 06/30/2025 | VALUES/MEASURES REACHED AS OF 12/31/2024 |
|--|---|--|---|
| 7. The average (mean) Length of Stay for all patients with a primary mental health diagnosis across all dispositions. | 61.2 hours | 72.25 hours | QTD Average = 47.3 QTD Median = 32.7 |
| 8. Cumulative return on investment to state psychiatric facilities through overturned involuntary commitments. (inpatient admission prevented) | \$4,876,200 | \$5,929,200 | QTD = \$982,800 Project to date = \$61,268,400 |

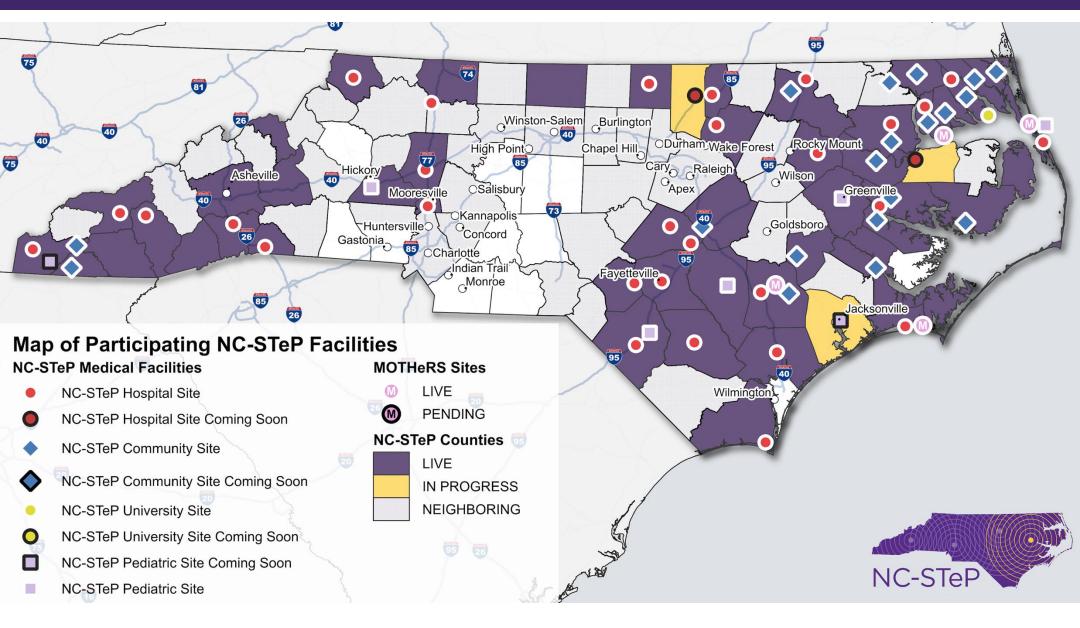


COMMENTS/EXPLANATIONS:

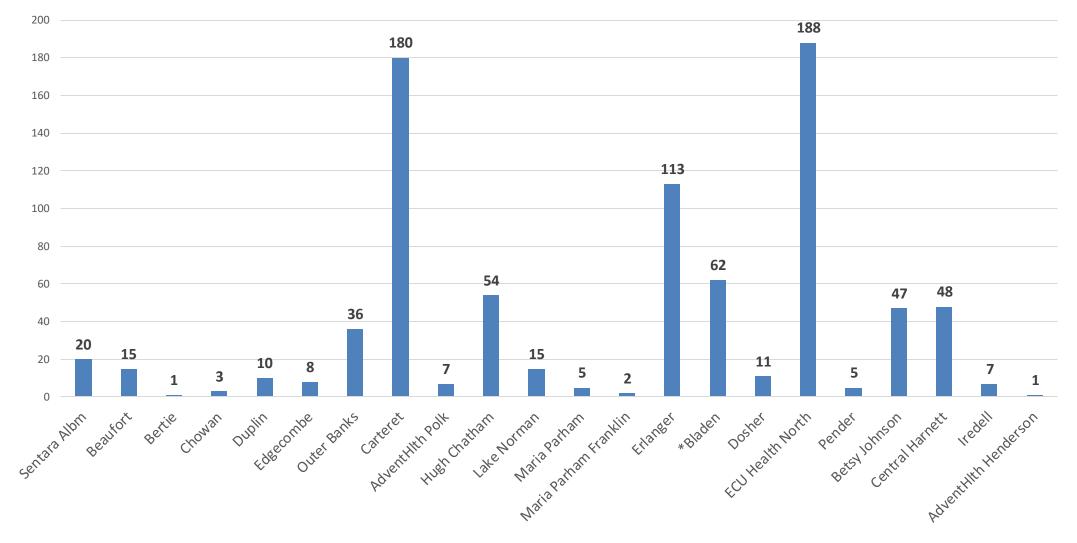
Evaluation Criteria #2, #4, and #6:

YTD and PTD totals were adjusted upwards to include 13 assessment for 2025 Q1, Jul-Sep 2024 that were submitted too late to be included in the report, for an increase of 13 assessments, 3 IVCs and 2 overturned IVCs.



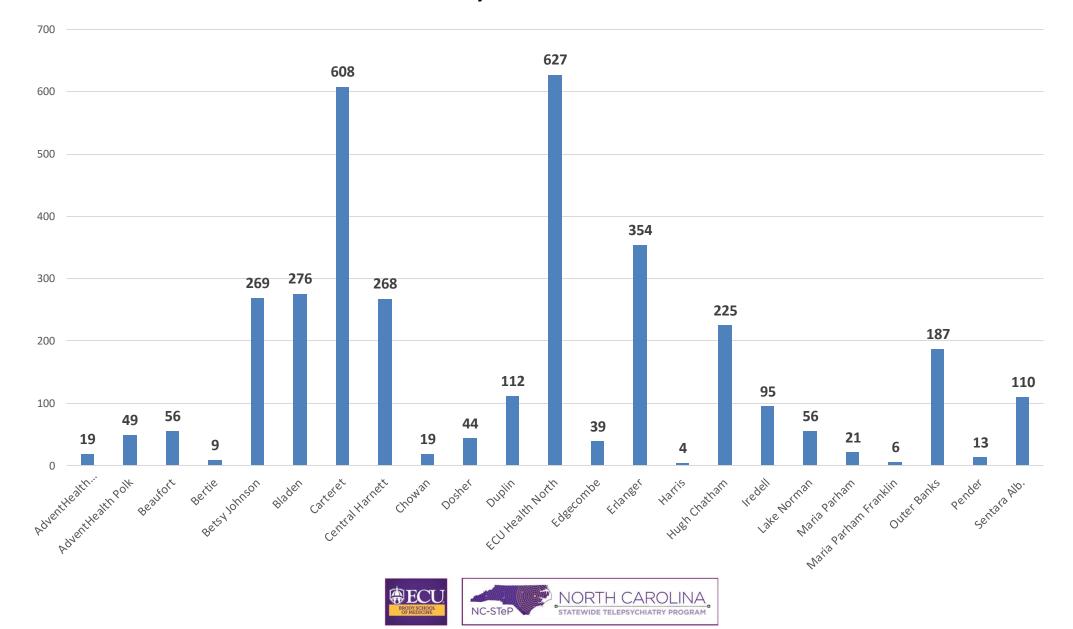


Number of NC-STeP Patients by Hospital October-December 2024

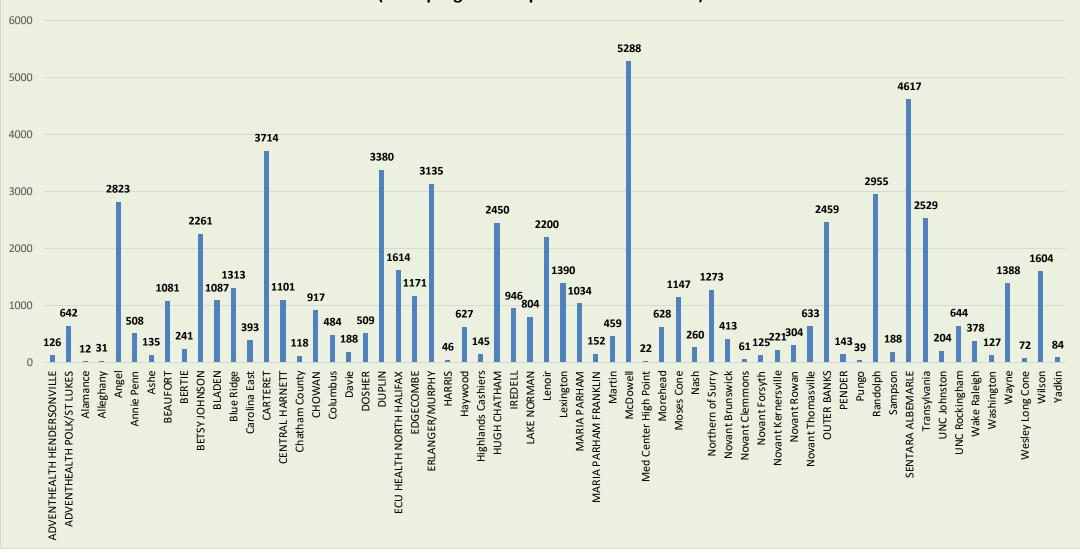




Number of NC-STeP Patients by Hospital January - December 2024

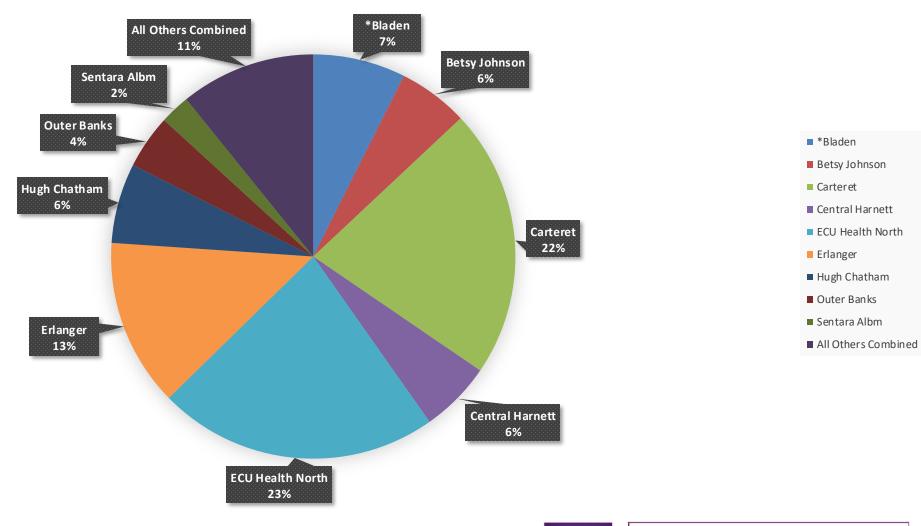


Number of NC-STeP Assessments by Hospital as of December 31, 2024 (since program inception November 2013)





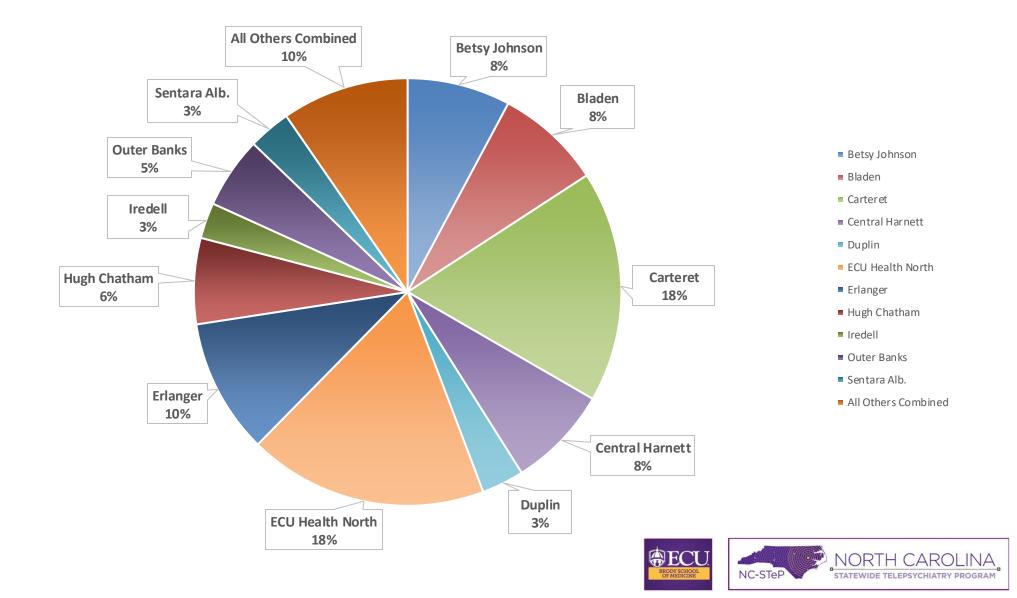
Percent of Use by Hospital for Model 1 and Model 2 Oct-Dec 2024 (based on number of patients)





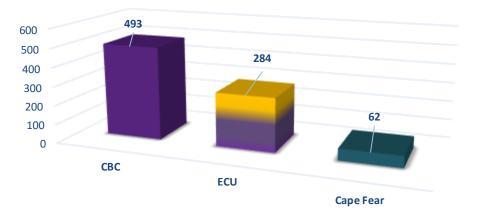
Percent of Use by Hospital Jan - Dec 2024 (Model 1 and Model 2)

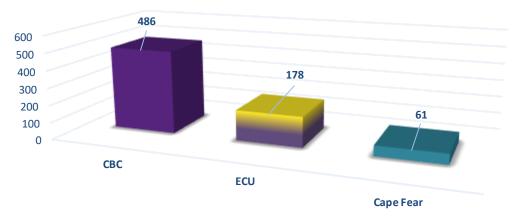
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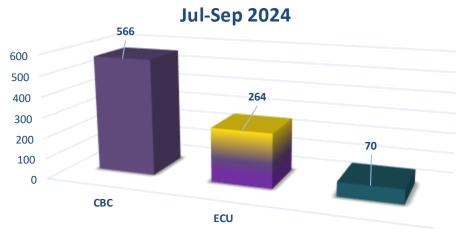
Number of Patients by Provider

Oct-Dec 2024



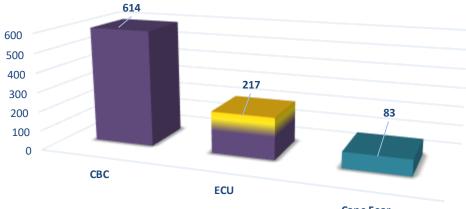


Jan-Mar 2024



Cape Fear

Apr-Jun 2024



Cape Fear

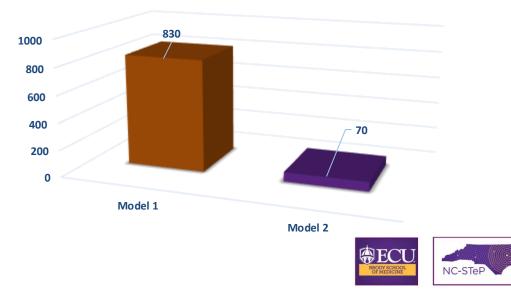


Number of Patients by Model

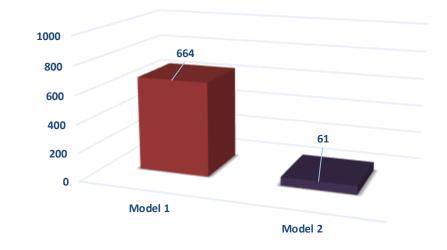
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Oct-Dec 2024

Jul-Sep 2024



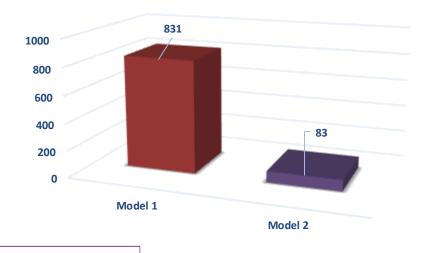
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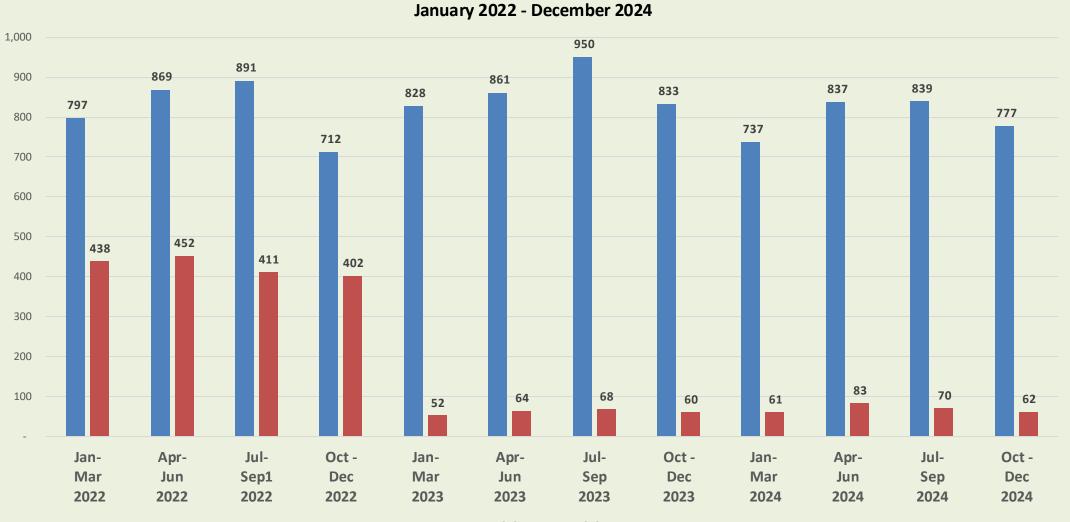


Apr-Jun 2024

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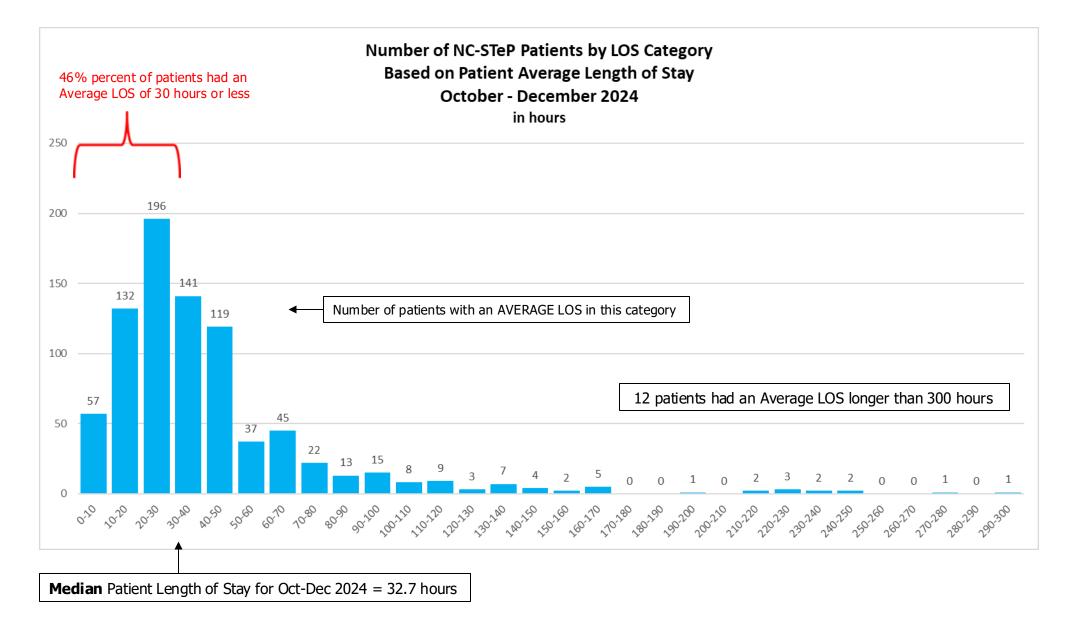


Number of NC-STeP Patients by Model by Quarter

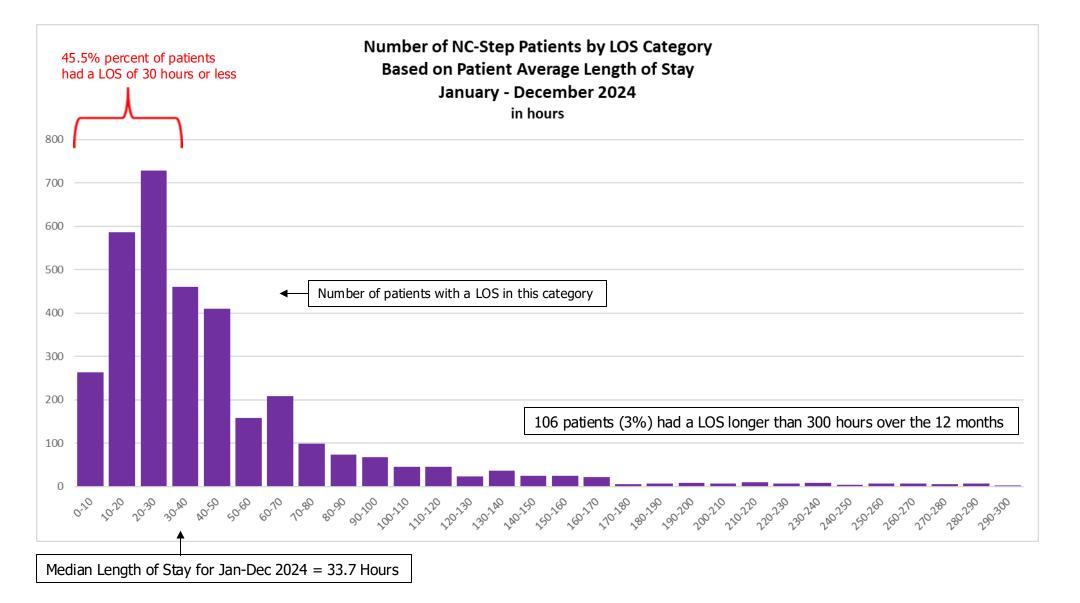
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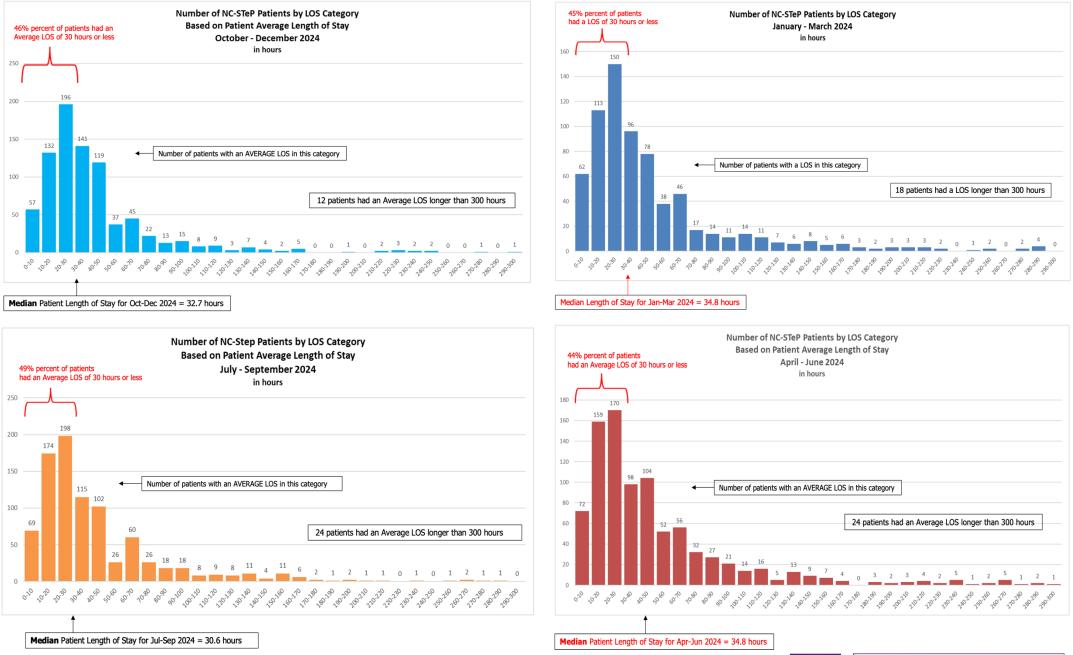










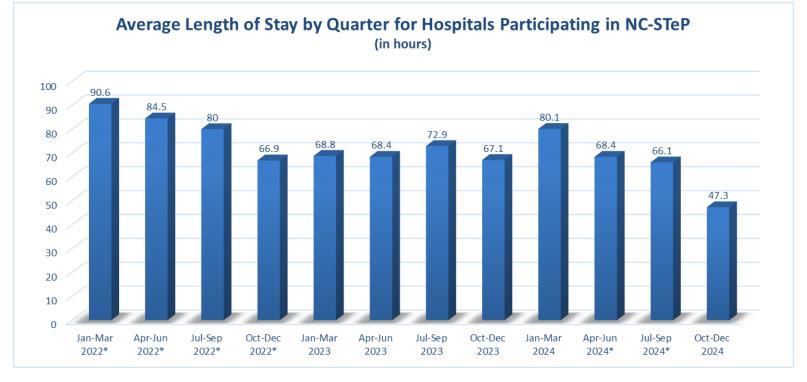












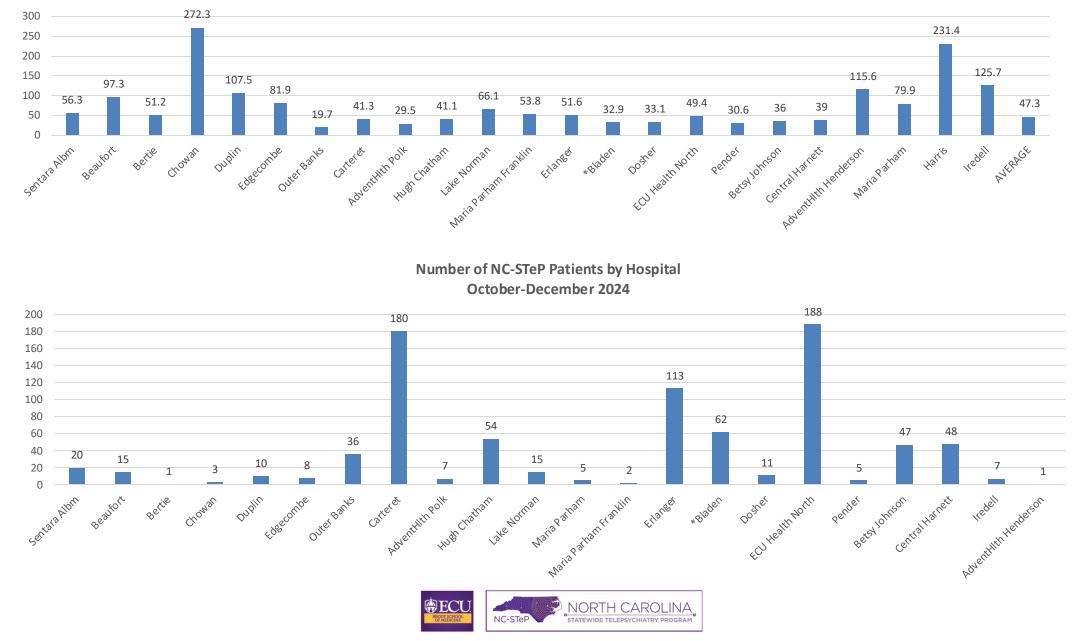


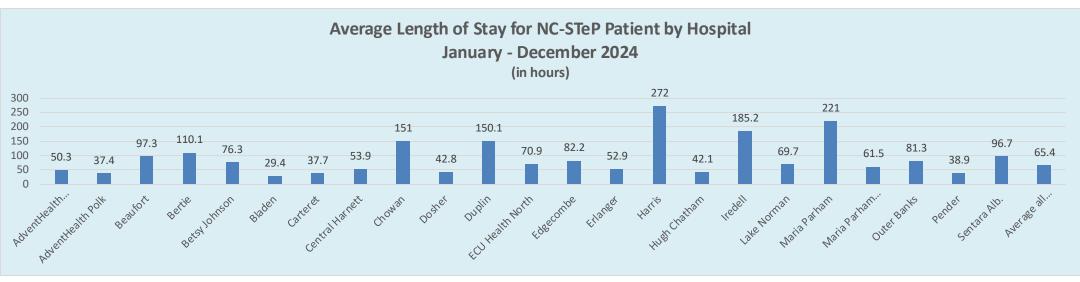
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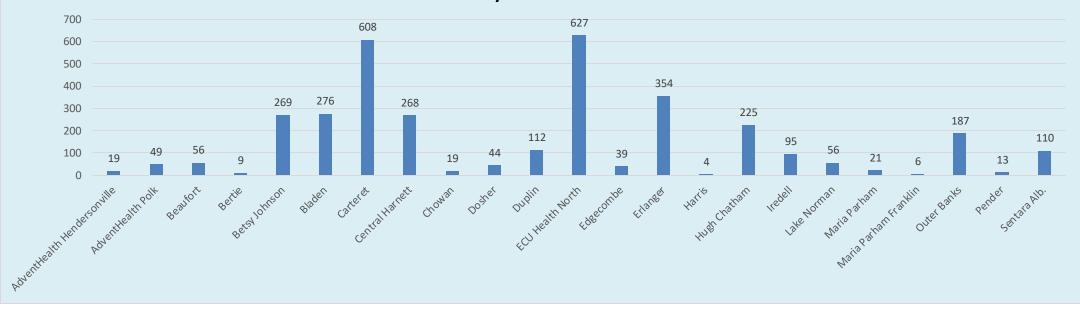
Average Length of Stay for NC-STeP Patients by Hospital October-December 2024

(in hours)



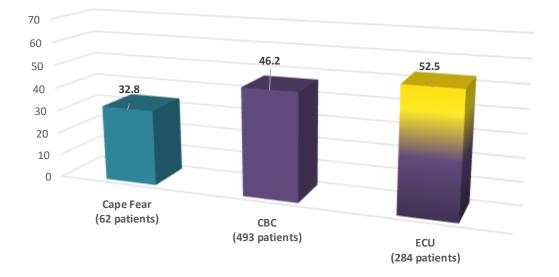


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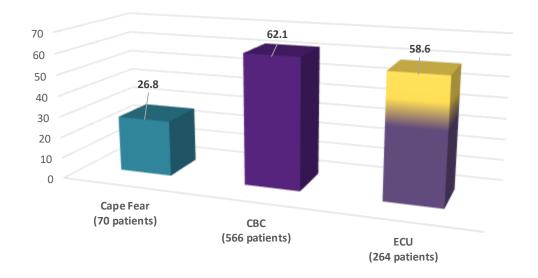




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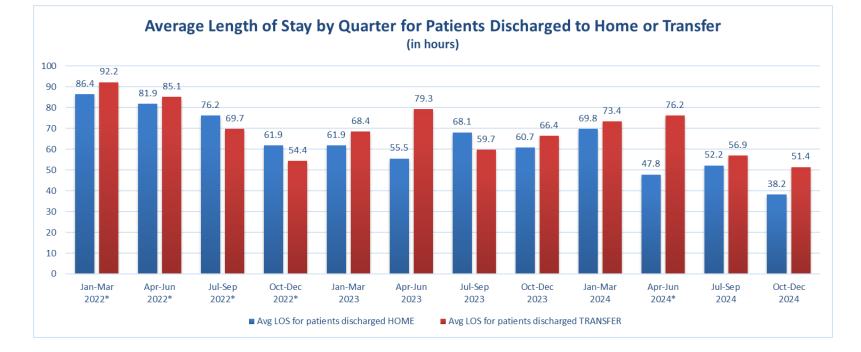


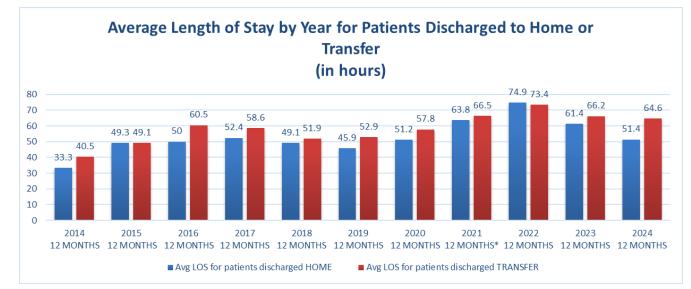
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Average Length of Stay by Provider







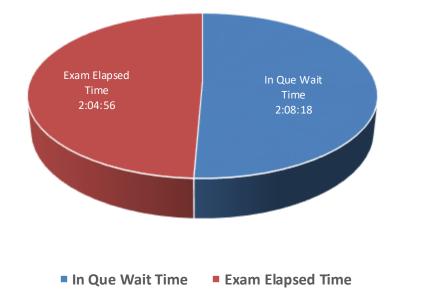


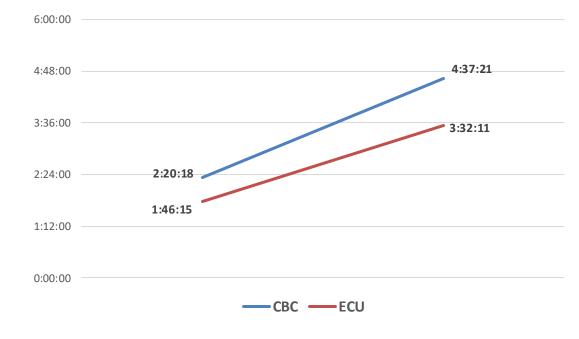
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Consult Elapsed Time: October - December 2024

CBC & ECU Average Consult Exam Elapsed Time In Que to Exam Complete FY25 October - December 2024 4hrs. 13 mins. 14secs.

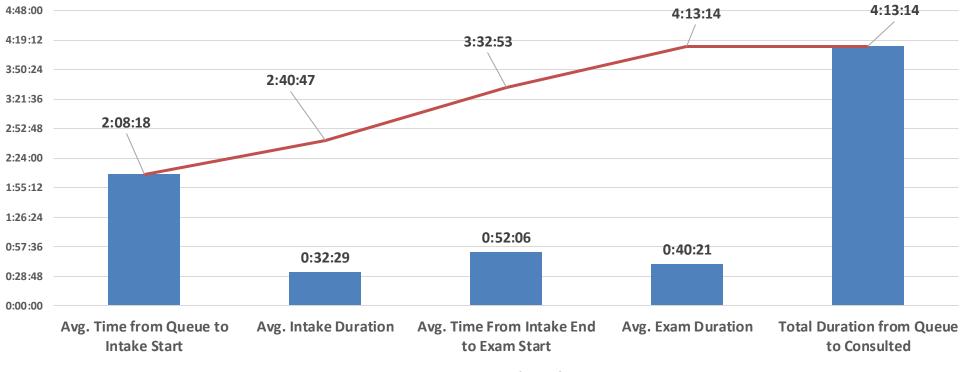
Comparison CBC & ECU Average Consult Elapsed Time In Que to Exam Complete FY 25 October - December 2024







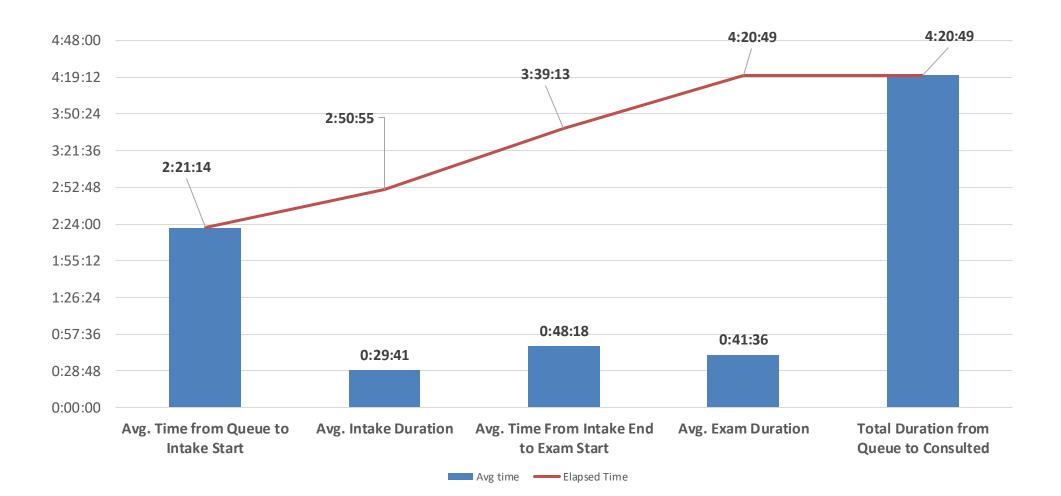
Key Processes and Elapsed Times Averages CBC and ECU: October - December 2024



Avg time — Elapsed Time

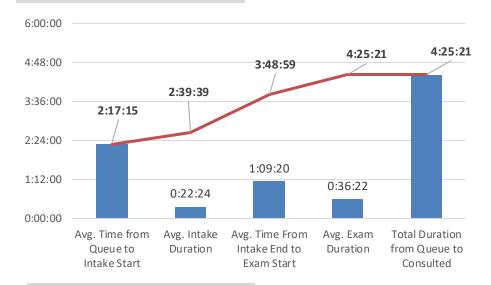


All NC-STeP Hospitals: Key Processes and Elapsed Times Averages January- December 2024

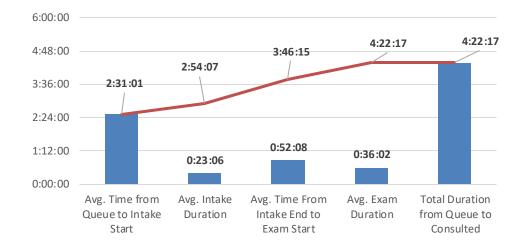


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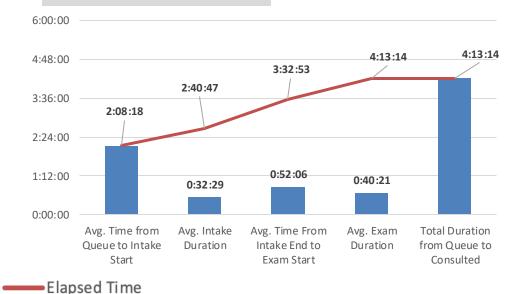
Key Processes and Elapsed Times Averages (Calendar Year 2024)



July – September 2024

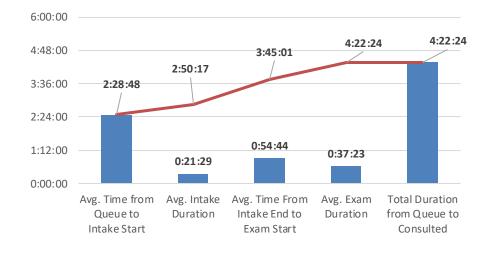


October – December 2024



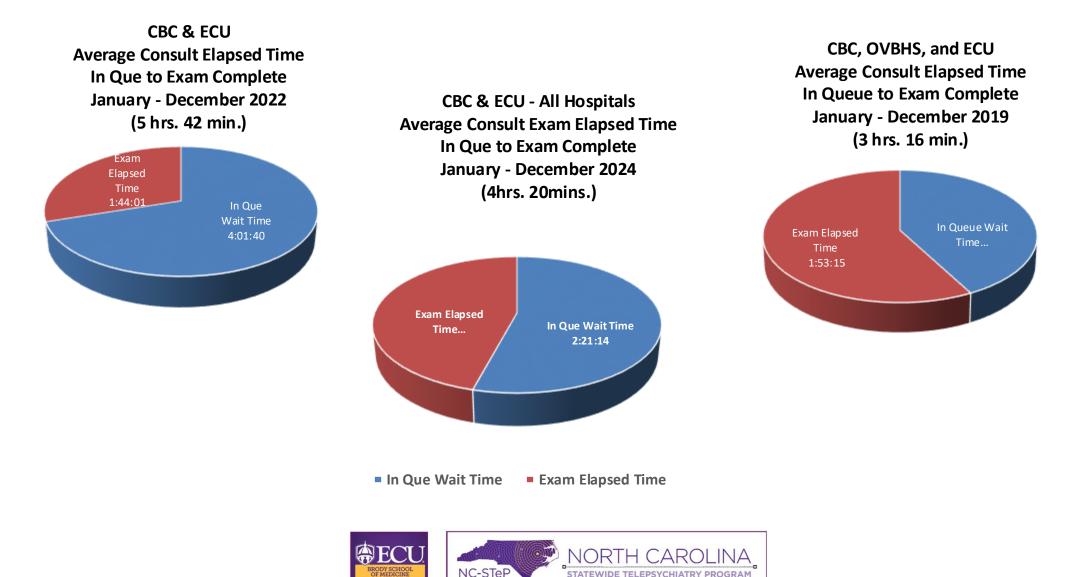
April - June 2024

January - March 2024

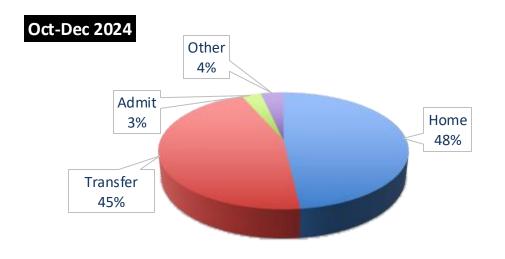


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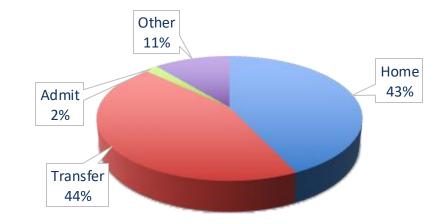
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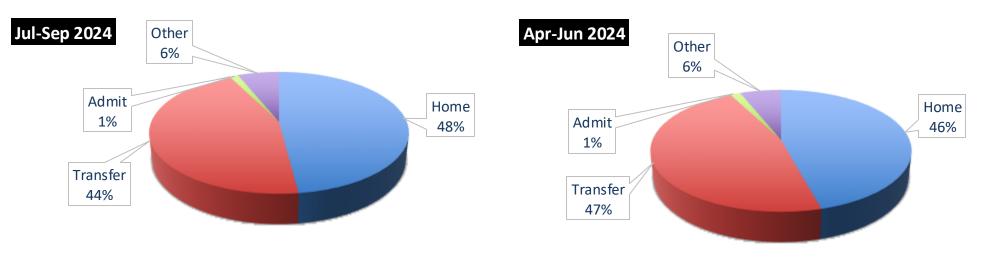


Percent of Patients by Discharge Disposition (Calendar Year 2024)



Jan-Mar 2024

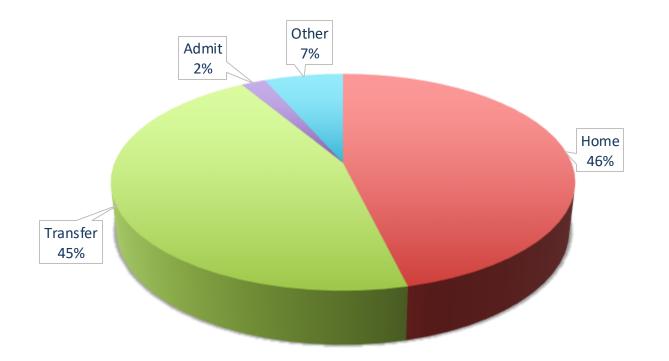




■ Home ■ Transfer ■ Admit ■ Other



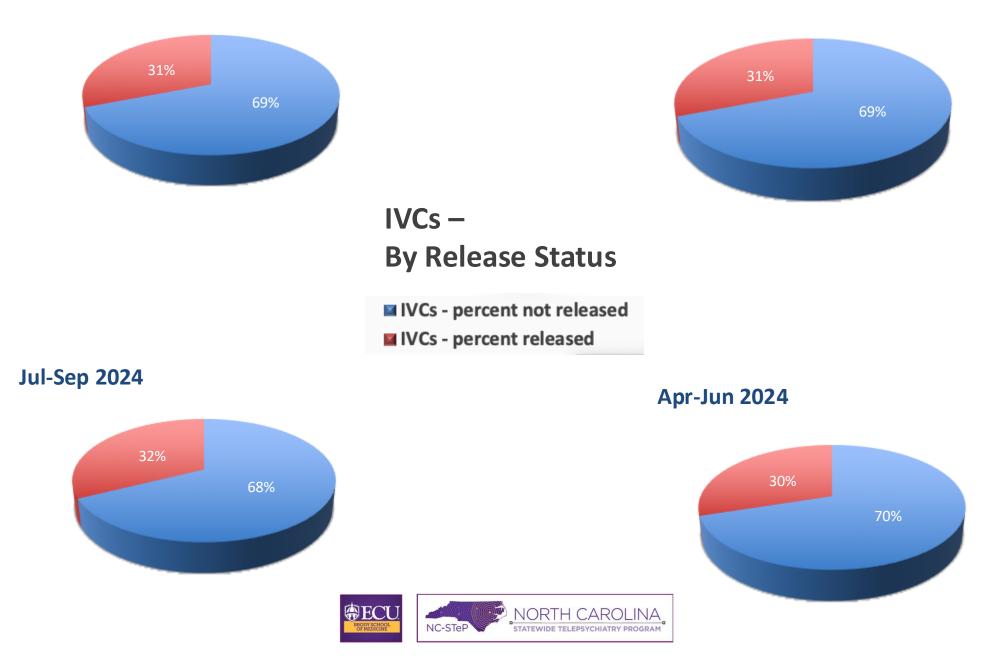
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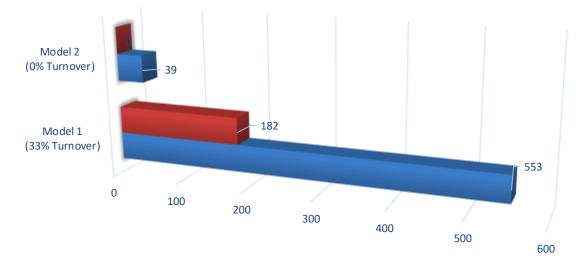


Oct-Dec 2024

Jan-Mar 2024

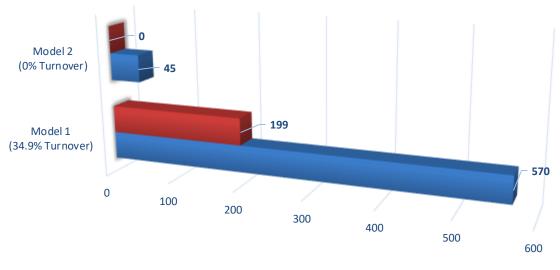


Oct-Dec 2024



■ IVC Turnovers ■ IVCs

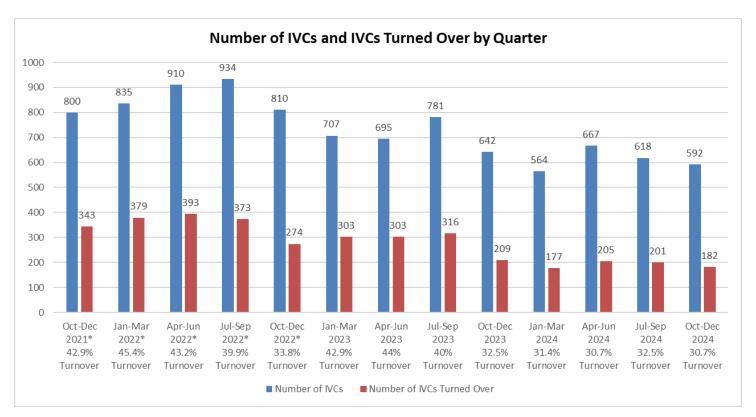
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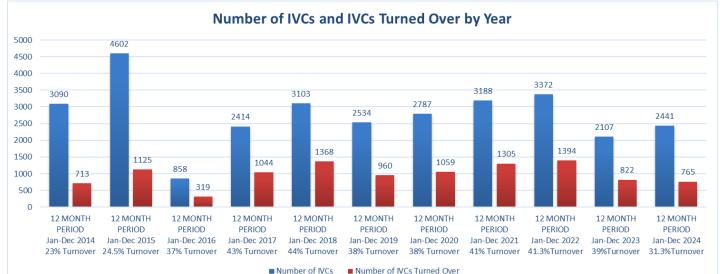


■ IVC Turnovers ■ IVCs

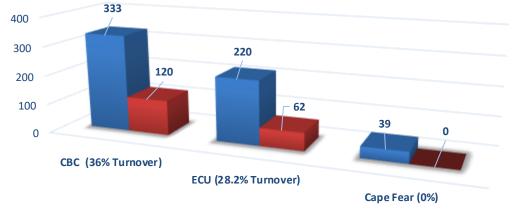
Number of IVCs and IVC Turnovers by Model





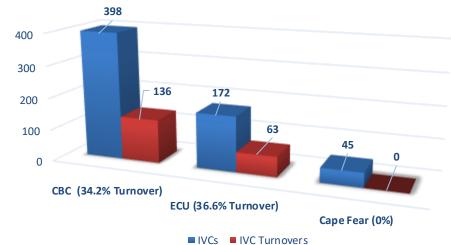


Oct-Dec 2024



■ IVCs ■ IVC Turnovers

Jul-Sep 2024



Number of IVCs and IVC Turnovers by Provider

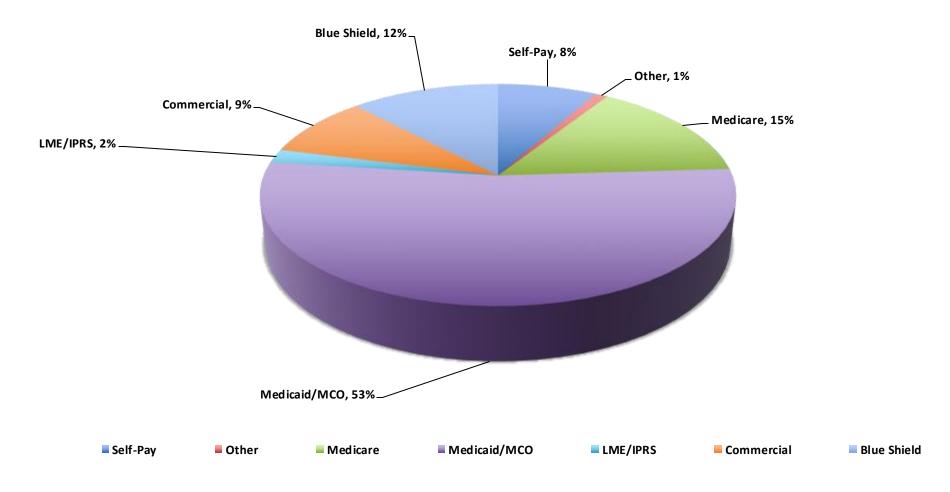


Satisfaction Surveys

- Satisfaction surveys are done twice a year.
- Most recent surveys were conducted in September 2024.
- 69 individuals responded to the survey.
- The overall satisfaction rate was 76%.

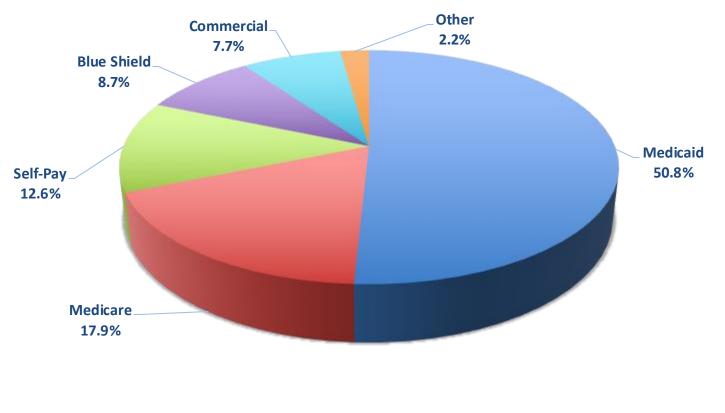


NC-STeP Charge Mix QTD FY2025 - Quarter 2





NC-STeP Charge Mix Calendar Year 2024

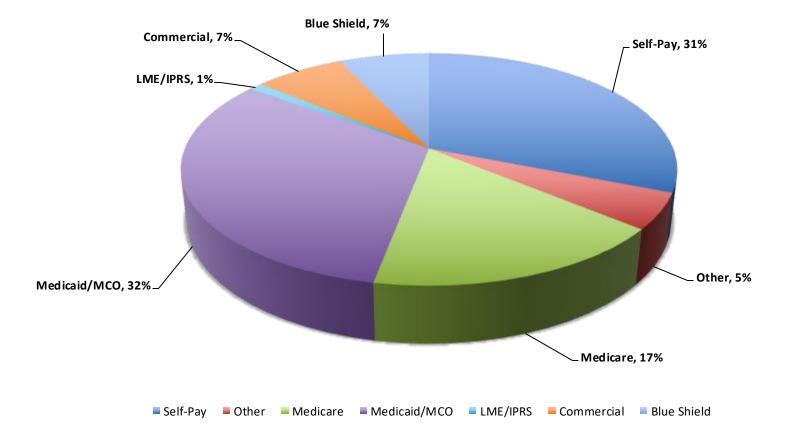


■ Medicaid ■ Medicare ■ Self-Pay ■ Blue Shield ■ Commercial ■ Other



NC-STeP Charge Mix - Project to Date

Service Dates: October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2024



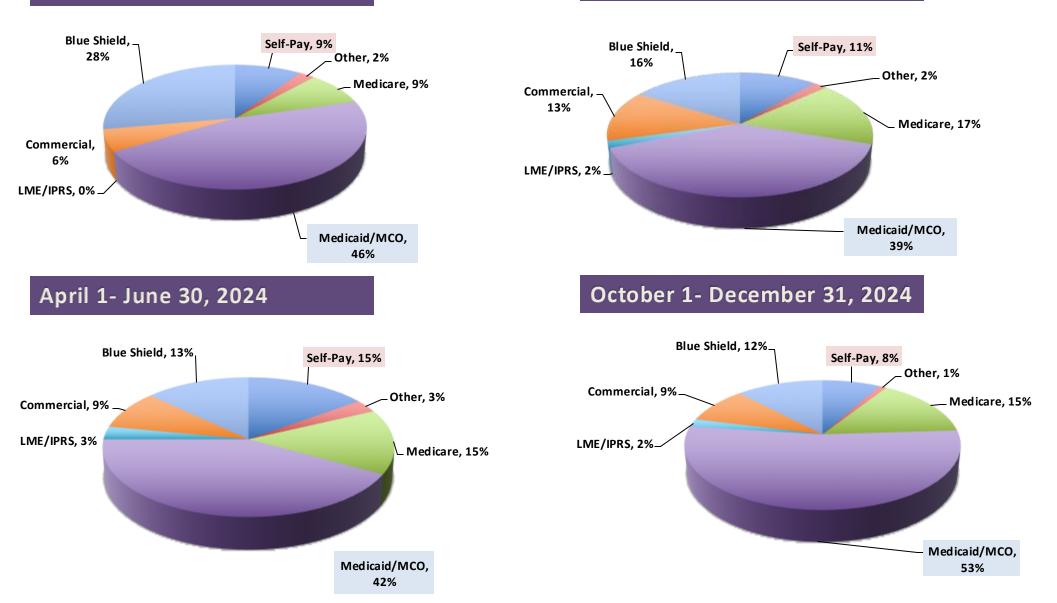




NC-STeP Charge Mix Last 4 Quarters

January 1- March 31, 2024

July 1- September 30, 2024



Community-Based Sites as of December 31, 2024

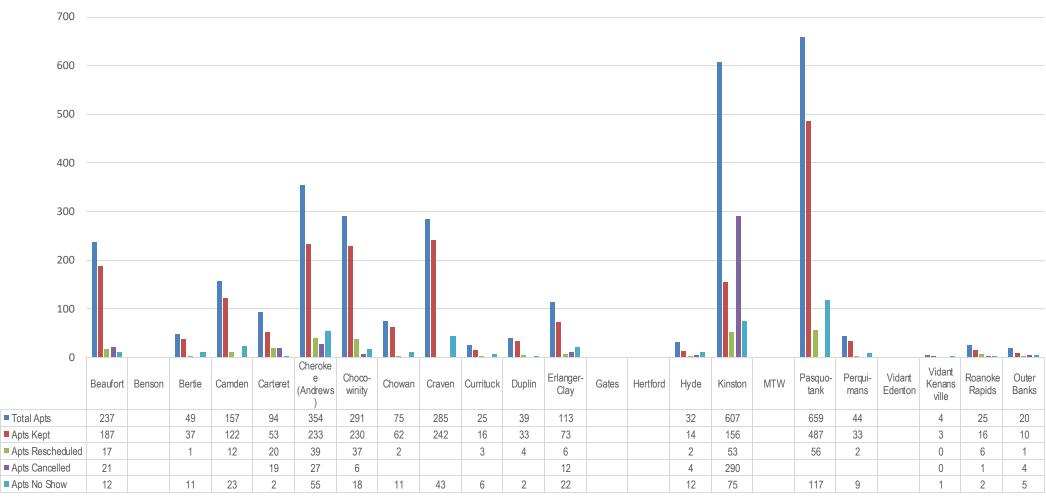
| EVALUATION CRITERIA | VALUES/MEASURES REACHED AS OF 12/31/2024 |
|---|---|
| The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) providers supporting the program | .90 FTEs |
| 2. The number of community-based sites contracted | 24 |
| 3. Number of patient visits with medical (psychiatric) doctor | 89 PTD= 2,895 |
| 4. The number return visits | 1,640 PTD= 25,638 |
| 5. The number of patient visits with a mid-level provider | 1,917 PTD= 29,463 |
| 6. The number of new patient visits | 366 PTD= 6,789 |

NC-STeP Community Patient Visits

| Patient Visits | Since project inception in October 2018 | During Calendar Year 2018 | During Calendar Year 2019 | During Calendar Year 2020 | During Calendar Year 2021 | During Calendar Year 2022 | During Calendar Year 2023 | During Calendar Year 2024 |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| With Medical Doctor | 2,895 | 8 | 536 | 260 | 316 | 567 | 743 | 465 |
| With Mid-Level Provider | 29,463 | 7 | 2,006 | 3,212 | 4,122 | 4,669 | 7,324 | 8,123 |
| Total Patient Visits | 32,477 | 15 | 2,633 | 3,477 | 4,440 | 5,253 * 17 visits did not specify provider type | 8,068 | 8,591 |



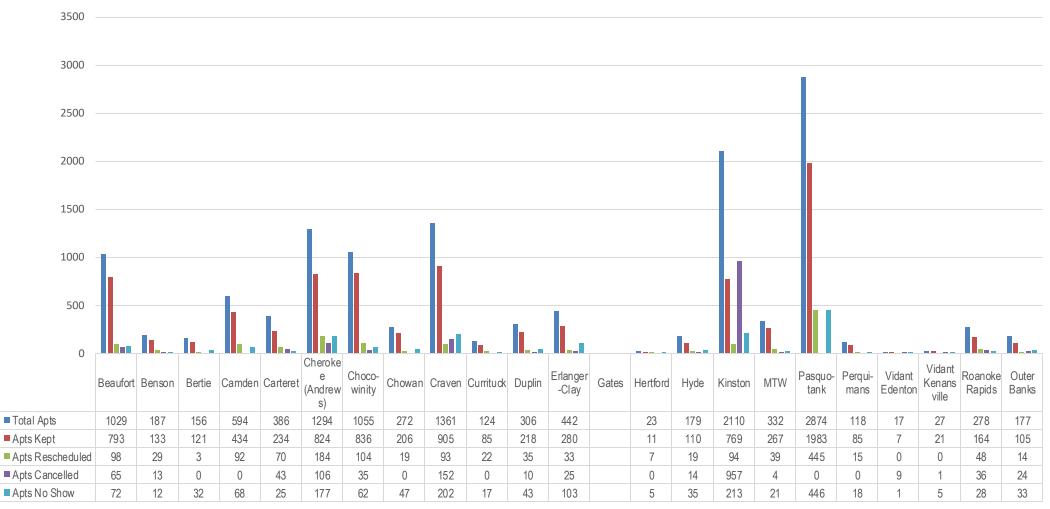
NC-Step Appointment by Site Appointments, Visits Kept, Rescheduled, Cancelled, No Show October - December 2024



Total Apts Apts Kept Apts Rescheduled Apts Cancelled Apts No Show



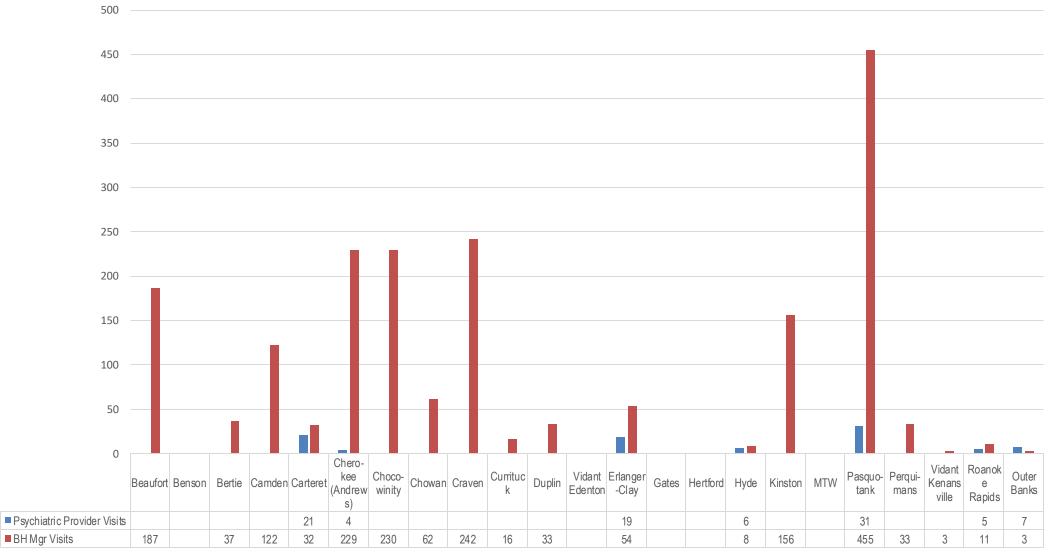
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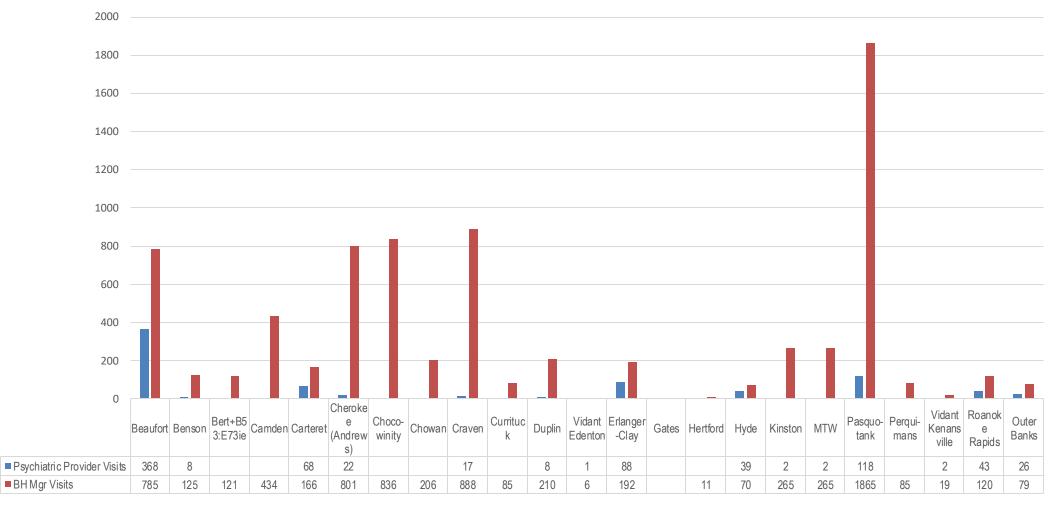
NC-Step Community Visits by Site by Provider Type October - December 2024



Psychiatric Provider Visits
BH Mgr Visits



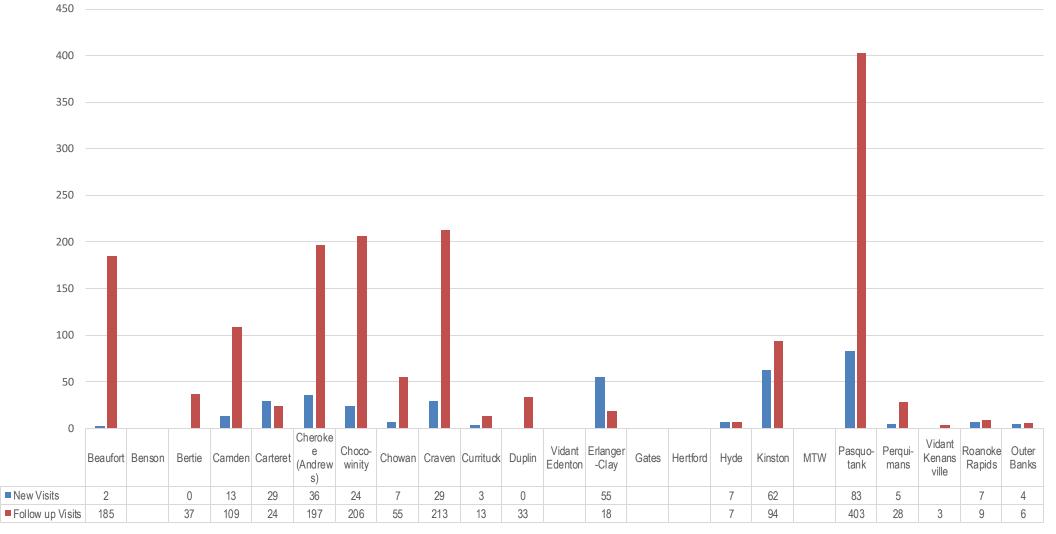
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Psychiatric Provider Visits
BH Mgr Visits

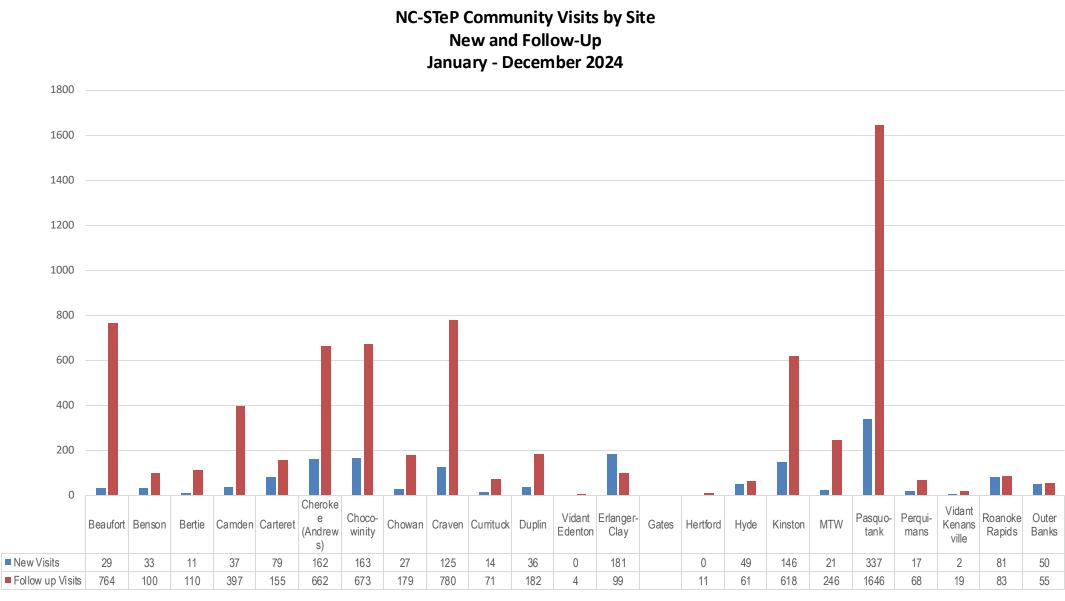


NC-STeP Community Visits by Site New and Follow-Up October - December 2024



New Visits
Follow up Visits





■ New Visits ■ Follow up Visits



NC-STeP Status as of December 31, 2024

- 28 hospitals live.
- 65,312 total psychiatry assessments since program inception
- 11,346 IVCs overturned
 - Cumulative return on investment = \$61,268,400 (savings from preventing unnecessary hospitalizations)
- Three Clinical Provider Hubs with 24 consultant providers
- 31% of the patients served had no insurance coverage



NC-STeP Status as of December 31, 2024

- 24 community-based sites.
- 32,358 total patient visits since program inception in October 2018.
 - 2,895 total patient visits with a psychiatrist
 - 29,463 total patient visits with a mid-level provider



Model 1 - Live



| Hospital Name | Contract Date | Portal Go Live |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Vidant Outer Banks Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/08/2016 |
| Vidant Duplin Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/22/2016 |
| Vidant Bertie Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/15/2016 |
| Vidant Chowan Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/15/2016 |
| Vidant Edgecombe Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/15/2016 |
| Sentara Albemarle Medical Center | 10/01/2013 | 08/17/2016 |
| Vidant Beaufort Hospital | 10/01/2013 | 08/22/2016 |
| Vidant North (Halifax Regional) | 03/15/2015 | 08/08/2017 |
| St Lukes Hospital | 03/01/2014 | 09/07/2016 |
| DLP Harris Regional Medical | 07/01/2015 | 10/14/2016 |
| DLP Swain Community Hospital | 07/01/2015 | 10/14/2016 |
| Erlanger Murphy Medical Center | 05/01/2015 | 10/26/2016 |
| DLP Maria Parham Medical Center | 07/01/2015 | 11/15/2016 |
| J. Arthur Dosher Memorial Hospital | 04/01/2015 | 01/07/2017 |
| Ashe Memorial Hospital | 06/01/2015 | 01/26/2017 |
| Southeastern Regional Medical | 05/01/2014 | 08/08/2017 |
| Advent Health Hendersonville | 10/01/2018 | 10/27/2020 |
| DLP Person Memorial Hospital | 07/01/2015 | 08/17/2017 |
| Carteret | 02/01/2023 | 04/01/2023 |

Model 1 – Live (continued)

| Hospital Name | Contract Date | Portal Go Live |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Pender Memorial Hospital | 09/01/2014 | 12/07/2017 |
| DLP Maria Parham Franklin | 03/01/2018 | 02/01/2019 |
| Central Harnett Hospital | 07/01/2019 | 02/21/2020 |
| Betsy Johnson Hospital | 07/01/2019 | 02/21/2020 |
| Iredell Hospital | 09/01/2109 | 04/17/2020 |
| Lake Norman Regional Medical | 10/01/2018 | 10/27/20 |
| Hugh Chatham Hospital | 03/01/2020 | 12/8/20 |

Model 2



| Hospital Name | Go Live Date/Status |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cape Fear Valley Bladen Hospital | 07/2014 |
| Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital | 06/2016 |



Graduated



| Hospital Name | Hospital Name |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Alleghany Memorial Hospital | Martin County General |
| Carolina East | Nash General Hospital |
| Mission Health | Sampson |
| Columbus Regional | UNC Hillsborough |
| Davie Medical | WakeMed Apex |
| DLP Rutherford Regional Medical Center | WakeMed Briar Creek |
| FirstHealth Montgomery Memorial Hospital | WakeMed Cary |
| FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital | WakeMed Garner |
| FirstHealth Regional Hospital – Hoke | WakeMed North Healthplex |
| FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital | WakeMed Raleigh |
| FirstHealth Sandhills Regional Medical | WakeMed Raleigh Children's ED |
| Lexington | WakeMed Psychiatric Observation Unit |
| Wilson Memorial Hospital | DLP Haywood Hospital |
| UNC Chatham | Novant Brunswick |
| Novant Clemmons | Novant Forsyth Medical |
| Novant Kernersville | Novant Presbyterian Hospital |
| Novant Rowan | Novant Thomasville |
| Cone Health Behavioral Health Hospital | Cone Health MedCenter High Point |
| Wesley Long Hospital | Annie Penn Hospital |
| Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital | Women's Hospital – Cone Health |
| Alamance Regional Medical Center | UNC Johnson – Clayton and Smithfield |

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| Live | | NC-STeP |
|---|--------|---------|
| Albemarle Regional Health Services Comdon | Aug 19 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Camden | Aug-18 | |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Pasquotank | Aug-18 | Live |
| Hyde County Health Department | Aug-18 | Live |
| Martin County Health Department | Aug-18 | Live |
| Craven County Health Department | Apr-19 | Live |
| Duplin County Health Department | May-19 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Gates | Nov-19 | Live |
| Erlanger Health – Andrews and Clay | Aug-20 | Live |
| Beaufort County Health Department | Sep-20 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Chowan | Nov-19 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Currituck | Nov-19 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Perquimans | Nov-19 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services – Bertie | Nov-19 | Live |
| Vidant Family Medicine – Chocowinity | Jan-21 | Live |
| Carteret OB-GYN Associates, PA | Jan-21 | Live |
| ECU Health Women's Edenton (Broad St.) | Dec-21 | Live |
| Erlanger Health - Clay | Apr-21 | Live |
| ECU Health Women's Kenansville | Dec-21 | Live |
| Albemarle Regional Health Services - Hertford | Mar-22 | Live |
| ECU Health Kinston | Mar-22 | Live |
| Roanoke Rapids | Jun-22 | Live |
| Outer Banks Women's Care | Jul-22 | Live |

Community Based Site Report as of December 31, 2024

| Graduated | | NC-STeP |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Hospital Name | Contract Start Date | Termination Date |
| Macon County Health Department | February 2019 | July 2020 |
| Wilson County Health Department | February 2020 | May 2021 |
| Benson | March 2022 | September 2024 |

Updates on Grants-Funded Projects

MOTHeRS Project

NC-STeP-Peds

NC-STeP Expansion: Elizabeth City State University

HRSA: NC-STeP Expansion

MOTHeRS Project

Maternal Outreach Through Telehealth for Rural Sites

Primary Care Obstetrician Psychiatrist MFM Specialist Patient Certified Registered Diabetes Dietitian/ Educator **Nutritionist** Nurse **Behavioral** Health Navigator Manager

Saeed SA, Jones K, Sacks AJ, Craven K, Xue Y. Maternal Outreach Through Telehealth for Rural Sites: The MOTHeRS Project. NCMJ. 2023;84 (1).



| MOTHeRS Project Results As of December 31, 2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Number pf perinatal patien (visits with MFM specialist) | 122* | | | | | | | | |
| | saved per MFM specialist | Impact on patient access (calculated as driving miles saved per MFM specialist visit and Diabetes educator/Medical Nutrition Specialist visit: Carteret | | | | | | | | |
| Impact on Patient | - | Number of patient visits with Diabetes Educator or Medical Nutrition Therapist | | | | | | | | |
| Access to Care | | LCSW visits | 1,781 | | | | | | | |
| | Number of women served for mental health reasons | Psychiatrist visits | 653 | | | | | | | |
| | | Total Mental Health visits | 2,434 | | | | | | | |
| | Impact on patient access (saved per Psychiatrist and | • | 403,855 driving miles saved | | | | | | | |
| | Number of Food Boxes ser | nt to Clinics | 1,195** | | | | | | | |
| Food Security | Number of Patients Screen | Number of Patients Screened for Food Insecurity 41,229** | | | | | | | | |
| | Number of Food Boxes Dis | stributed | 888** | | | | | | | |

*MFM part of the MOTHeRS Project was completed on March 31, 2023 *Food Insecurity part of the MOTHeRS Project was completed on December 31, 2024





- As of December 31, the program had already successfully screened 27,000 children.
 - 3,065 children (11.3% of those screened) had PSC-17 scores of 15 or higher (increased likelihood of having a behavioral health disorder).
 - 2,023 children (7.5% of those screened) had GAD-7 scores of 8 or higher (mild to moderate levels of anxiety).

NC-STeP-Peds: Program Inception to December 31, 2024

| Reporting Period | 2024Q2 | 2024Q3 | 2024Q4 | Inception - Dec 2024 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Number of patients seen by a psychiatrist | 54 | 35 | 44 | 225 |
| Number of patients seen by behavioral health provider | 146 | 115 | 139 | 469 |
| Number of patients receiving follow-up counseling with behavioral health provider | 28 | 24 | 47 | 185 |
| Number of patients receiving re-consults by a psychiatrist | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Number of patients receiving integrated care | 160 | 130 | 148 | 479 |
| Number of new visits (involving mental health service) | 160 | 130 | 148 | 479 |
| Number of follow-up visits (involving mental health service) | 69 | 51 | 98 | 556 |







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ECSU Student Screening and Service Data: From Program Inception to December 31, 2024

| | | | 2022 | | | | 2023 | | | | | | | | | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|-----|------|-----|----|----|------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Month | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| Number of Patients Seen By Practitioner: | 67 | 122 | 112 | 127 | 23 | 62 | 72 | 87 | 131 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 99 | 87 | 126 | 59 | 19 | 101 | 117 | 83 | 85 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 89 | 120 | 113 | 103 | 34 | 2059 |
| Number of Patients Referred To See LCSW/Counselor: | | | | | | 0 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 16 | 3 | 163 |
| Number of Patients Referred To See Psychiatrist: | | | | | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 91 |
| PHQ9's Completed: | 67 | 122 | 112 | 127 | 23 | 60 | 70 | 87 | 129 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 96 | 87 | 125 | 59 | 19 | 101 | 115 | 82 | 84 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 88 | 120 | 113 | 103 | 34 | 2059 |
| PHQ-9 score <10 | | | | | | 54 | 58 | 75 | 108 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 90 | 73 | 121 | 49 | 11 | 89 | 88 | 71 | 72 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 80 | 103 | 98 | 75 | 27 | 1366 |
| PHQ-9 score ≥10 | | | | | | 6 | 12 | 12 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 24 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 27 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 15 | 28 | 7 | 262 |
| GAD-7's Completed: | 67 | 122 | 112 | 127 | 23 | 60 | 70 | 87 | 129 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 96 | 87 | 126 | 58 | 19 | 101 | 114 | 82 | 82 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 89 | 120 | 113 | 103 | 34 | 2059 |
| GAD-7 score <8 | | | | | | 52 | 50 | 72 | 102 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 89 | 73 | 99 | 43 | 12 | 84 | 87 | 70 | 66 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 72 | 94 | 91 | 73 | 26 | 1281 |
| GAD-7 score ≥8 | | | | | | 8 | 20 | 15 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 27 | 15 | 7 | 17 | 27 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 26 | 22 | 30 | 8 | 326 |
| Number of NC-STeP Scheduled Sessions Held | | | | | | 1 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 33 | 51 | 22 | 8 | 22 | 36 | 15 | 21 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 11 | 398 |
| Number of NC-STeP Follow-up by Email | | | | | | * | * | * | 4 | 28 | 12 | 16 | 24 | 32 | 34 | 32 | 17 | 49 | 56 | 50 | 33 | 28 | 78 | 42 | 33 | 110 | 43 | 31 | 29 | 781 |
| Number of "On-Call"/Evening Sessions | | | | | | * | * | * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| Number of NC-STeP Check-Ins by Phone | | | | | | * | * | * | 5 | 13 | 3 | 14 | 32 | 21 | 24 | 61 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 27 | 49 | 59 | 55 | 25 | 57 | 38 | 40 | 36 | 27 | 661 |
| Number of "Walk-Ins"/Not Scheduled | | | | | | * | * | * | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 85 |
| Marketing Efforts Completed/Outreach Opportunities | | | | | | | | | 11 | 5 | 16 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 148 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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