



CASE STUDY: Outpatient Tele-Neurology Clinic
Midwest Hospital's Partnership with AmplifyMD Improves
Access & Reduces Wait Times for Neurology Services

CHALLENGE

A 96-bed hospital with an adjacent outpatient clinic needed additional Neurology support. The hospital's two Neurologists on staff struggled to balance a heavy inpatient caseload with the demand for outpatient clinic appointments. As a result, **local patients experienced waits of 6 months or more to see a Neurologist in the hospital's outpatient clinic.**

The situation placed a significant burden on the Neurologists, created leakage for the hospital, and left many patients with no option but to seek care hours away.



SOLUTION

In August 2022, the hospital partnered with AmplifyMD for inpatient Tele-Neurology cross-coverage and launched a new Tele-Neurology clinic to expand its outpatient appointment capabilities.

The outpatient clinic, staffed by a highly experienced, board-certified AmplifyMD Neurologist and one onsite RN, immediately improved timely evaluations, diagnoses, and treatment for patients in the outpatient setting.

OUTCOMES

- Increased timely access to Neurology services in the outpatient setting
- Decreased caseload backlog for onsite Neurologists
- · Expanded utilization of onsite diagnostics and imaging
- Improved patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes
- Reduced system leakage

After a few months of piloting the program one morning a week, the hospital expanded the clinic hours to M-F, 8am-12pm, with plans to make the clinic full days by the end of 2023.

~80%

Reduction in wait times to see a Neurologist 600+

Additional appointments provided to the community

~40%

Reduction in backlog for in person appointments ~50%

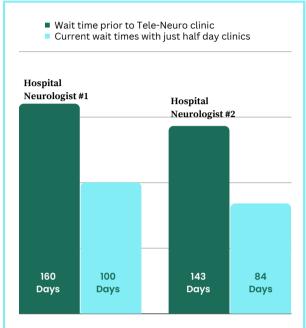
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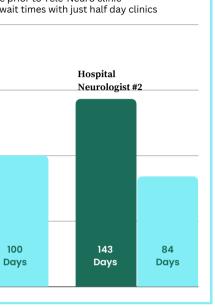


BENEFIT: Faster Access to Care

• Less than 30 days for a patient to be seen in Tele-Neurology clinic

• Significantly **reduced backlog** for in-person appointments





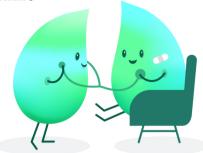
Staffing the Tele-Neurology Clinic

The hospital has successfully staffed the Tele-Neurology clinic by leveraging its existing clinic space and schedulers, along with a dedicated (4 hours per day) RN who facilitates each virtual appointment.



There really was no difference in seeing the neurologist virtually. In fact, I feel like my care was much more personal. It was a great experience!

- Tele-Neurology clinic patient



Our patients appreciate every opportunity to receive their health services close to home. The virtual care clinic has added additional appointments so patients can see a specialist more quickly.

- VP Physician Services & Clinic Operations

How the Clinic Helps

Tele-Neurology Outpatient Clinic Capabilities

- Concussion
- · Memory loss, confusion, or dementia
- Headaches and migraines
- Spells or seizures
- Sleep conditions/sleep disturbances
- Secondary stroke prevention
- Post-stroke follow-up/outpatient stroke workup
- · New onset and management of movement disorders, including PD
- New onset and management of MS spectrum
- Back and neck pain
- Weakness/numbness, including myopathy, neuropathy, ALS, spinal cord, neuromuscular conditions

About AmplifyMD

AmplifyMD is a seamlessly integrated virtual care solution connecting hospitals, clinics, and medical facilities to a network of leading specialist providers practicing in 15+ fields. The company provides both the clinical team and the virtual care platform to deliver streamlined virtual specialty care across inpatient and outpatient settings.