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# Press Release

### Teleios Collaborative Network and UNC Health Join Forces

Hendersonville, NC December 9, 2020: Teleios Collaborative Network (TCN) announced that UNC Health has joined TCN’s network of serious illness providers. Through this collaboration, TCN will provide both management services and provider staffing for the community-based UNC Health palliative care program.

“TCN is excited to collaborate with UNC Health in an innovative partnership to provide home based care to vulnerable people stressed with serious illness. This partnership will combine the expertise of TCN in clinical palliative care and operational efficiency with the power of the UNC Health network,” said John Morris, TCN’s Chief Medical Officer of Palliative Care.

UNC Health is the eleventh member of TCN which enables TCN to provide support to more than half of the counties in North Carolina. As such, TCN will be hiring staff to provide home based interdisciplinary medical and psychosocial support to people stressed with serious illness in the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill areas. The new program will work closely with the UNC Medical Center, UNC Rex Healthcare, and UNC Health Alliance ACO to ensure that people who suffer from a serious illness will get the support that they need in order to live the best quality of life in their homes.

TCN’s President and CEO, Chris Comeaux, said, “When we first envisioned TCN we were focused on partnering with community based not for profit hospices and we continue with that focus. However, health systems are looking for knowledgeable partners in the post-acute and serious illness space. There are so many challenges for all of us to navigate throughout healthcare. This collaboration enables UNC Health to focus in other areas and partner with an organization that provides excellence in serious illness care. We are very proud to have UNC Health as a member of TCN.”

With the addition of UNC Health, Teleios member organizations serve over 2,400 hospice families daily and over 5,600 palliative care patients per year.

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Teleios Collaborative Network (TCN) is a not-for-profit organization that has created a clinically integrated network that shares expert leadership, industry best practices, and resources with its member organizations, allowing community-based, not-for-profit hospice and palliative care agencies to continue their work of providing compassionate care for those facing serious illness or end of life challenges. TCN was founded in 2017 by Four Seasons and Carolina Caring and co-founded by Caldwell and Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care organizations. TCN is currently comprised of eleven organizations and serves members in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas.

UNC Health is an integrated health care system owned by the state of North Carolina and based in Chapel Hill. It exists to further the teaching mission of the University of North Carolina and to provide state-of-the-art patient care.  
  
UNC Health is comprised of [UNC Medical](http://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/uncmc/) Center in Chapel Hill, ranked consistently among the best medical centers in the country; the [UNC School of Medicine](http://www.med.unc.edu/), a nationally eminent research institution; [Pardee UNC Health Care](https://www.pardeehospital.org/) in Hendersonville; [Chatham Hospital](http://www.chathamhospital.org/ch/) in Siler City; [Johnston Health](http://johnstonhealth.org/) in Clayton and Smithfield; [UNC Lenoir Health Care](https://www.unclenoir.org/) in Kinston; [Wayne UNC Health Care](http://waynehealth.org/) in Goldsboro; [Caldwell UNC Health Care](http://caldwellmemorial.org/) in Lenoir; [Nash UNC Health Care](http://www.nhcs.org/) in Rocky Mount; [UNC Rockingham Health Care](https://www.uncrockingham.org/) in Eden, [Onslow Memorial Hospital](https://www.onslow.org/home-page) in Jacksonville, [UNC REX Healthcare](http://www.rexhealth.com/rh/) and its provider network in Wake County; and the [UNC Physicians Network](http://www.uncpn.com/). For more information, please visit [www.unchealthcare.org](http://www.unchealthcare.org).