Grady Memorial Hospital Awarded Georgia Opioid Settlement Funding to Sustain Life Care Specialist **Program**

Atlanta, GA - Grady Memorial Hospital ("Grady") was recently awarded funding from the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust to sustain the Life Care Specialist program for two years.

In 2019, CWC Alliance partnered with Grady's Department of Orthopedics to pilot the first Life Care Specialist program. Since the pilot launch, Grady has become CWC Alliance's Life Care Specialist flagship site, serving as the program training hub for Life Care Specialists completing their certification. Grady's team of Life Care Specialists currently serve orthopedics, acute care, internal medicine, palliative care, oncology, chronic pain populations including Sickle Cell.

With the sustainability funding, Grady and CWC Alliance will continue the work to prevent opioid misuse in the clinical setting by strengthening support for inbound and outbound patients through the provision of increased opioid education and evidence-based wellness practices.

The Life Care Specialist is a paraprofessional trained in addiction prevention, pain management, and mental wellness skills, providing a preventive approach to addiction without compromising pain relief.

CWC Alliance is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to empowering individuals to live safer, healthier, and more resilient futures through opioid education, mental wellness support, and effective pain management strategies.



