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Christiana Care Hosts Symposium Focused on Improving Care of Post-Incarcerated Patients

(NEWARK, Del. – August 8, 2016) [Christiana Care Health System](http://www.christianacare.org) will host the Transforming Healthcare through the Lens of Postincarcerated Patients Symposium from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22nd at Christiana Hospital's John H. Ammon Medical Education Center in Newark.

The Transitions Clinic Network is a national network of medical homes for individuals with chronic diseases who have recently been released from prison. Founded on the idea that the people closest to the problem are also closest to the solution, each clinic that adopts the Transitions Clinic Program employs a community health worker with a history of incarceration as part of the clinical team. That community health worker assists the post-incarcerated patients with the successful and healthy re-integration into their lives and neighborhoods

Research has found that incarcerated patients are among the sickest members of society and are 12 times more likely to die from conditions such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, homicide, suicide, and drug overdoses than the general population in their first two weeks postincarceration. The Transitions Clinic Program provides resources for coordinated and culturally-competent care so post-incarcerated patients can achieve optimal health.

This free symposium is sponsored by the Delaware-CTR ACCEL Program and Christiana Care's Value Institute.

Delaware CTR-ACCEL is a \$28 million grant program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and other funders. The overall goal of the five-year program is to accelerate clinical and translational research, and build research infrastructure at four partner institutions — Christiana Care, the University of Delaware, Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children and the Medical University of South Carolina.

Christiana Care's Value Institute leads the way in conducting real-world research on today's most pressing health care issues. The Value Institute's mission is to develop, deliver and evaluate innovative practice and policy solutions that improve the experience, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for patients and providers alike.

To register for this event, visit Delaware-CTR ACCEL Program's [calendar page](#).

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 21st leading hospital in the nation and 10th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center that treats adults and children, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds. For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/howeare.

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