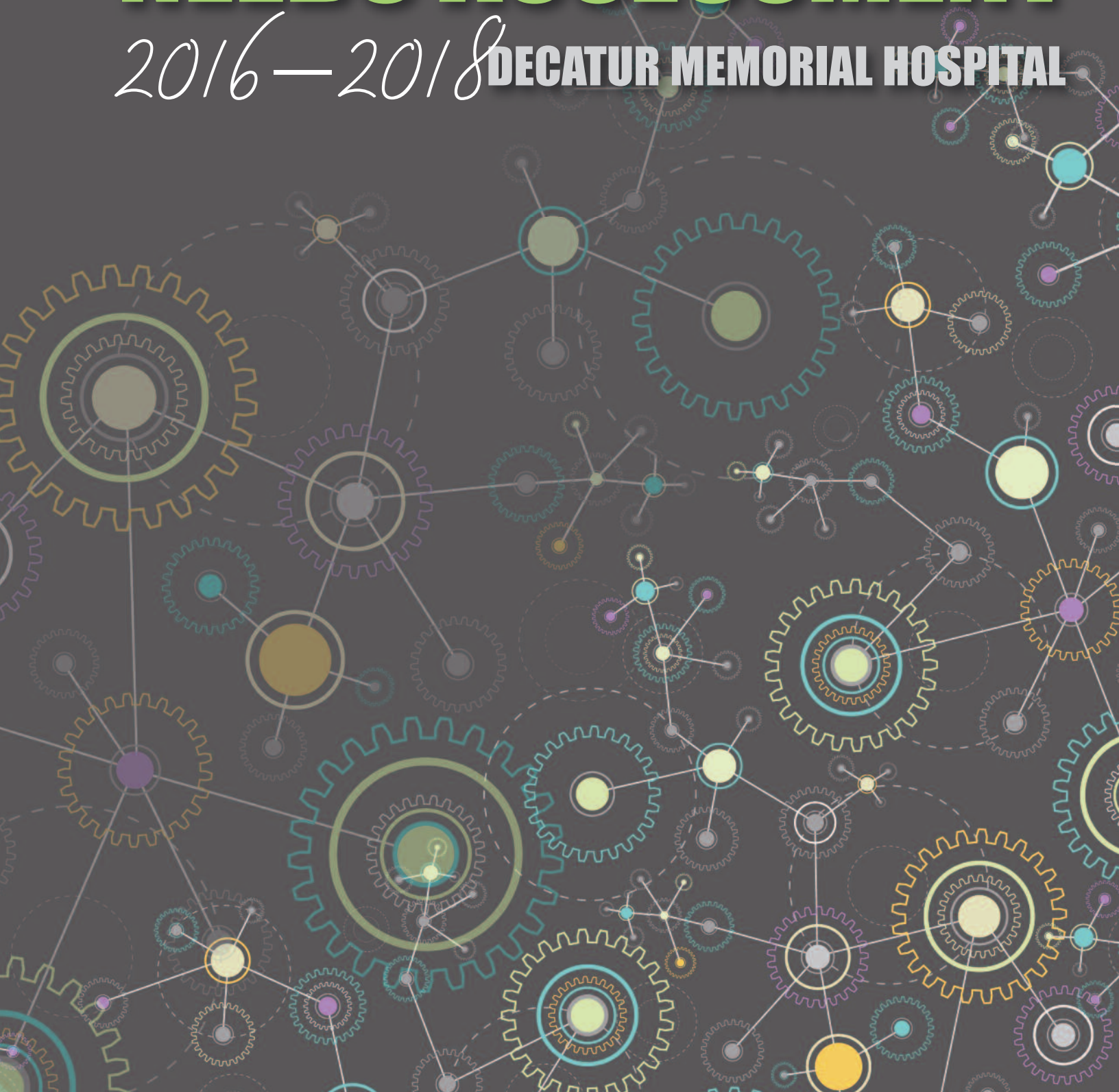


*Implementation Plan*

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

*2016–2018* **DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**



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## OUR VISION:

*The greatest care  
delivered by  
the best people.*

## TARGET AREAS PRIORITY POPULATIONS

The community health needs assessment and subsequent implementation strategy has been developed to address key community health needs in both our primary market of and secondary surrounding counties.

## STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Results of the completed community health needs assessment were shared among the participants of the focus group, executive leaders at Decatur Memorial Hospital (DMH) and its Board of Directors. The process of developing an implementation strategy was included in the hospital's annual strategic planning process to ensure alignment was established with the hospital's core objectives and resources allocated appropriately.

## MAJOR HEALTH NEEDS and PRIORITIES

The assessment process included a combination of secondary data, including Census Data, reference to Healthy People 2020, among other sources. Valuable input from a community health needs assessment and focus group surveys provided primary data for the assessment.

Upon completion of the community health needs assessment and focus group surveys, and following review of the secondary data, the Decatur Memorial Hospital administrative team selected three top health needs.

1. **Access to Primary Care Physicians** (e.g. family doctor)
2. **Access to Medical Specialists**  
(e.g., cardiologists, pulmonologists, urologists)
3. **Access to Mental Health Providers and Services**

Identified as a leading topic area and leading health indicator in the Health People 2020 Report, access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for the achievement of health equity and for increasing the quality of life for everyone. Access to health care, including primary care physicians, medical specialists, and mental health providers results in timely use of personal health services to achieve the best health outcomes. Disparities in access to health services affect individuals and society, and access to health care impacts the overall physical, social, and mental health status. Further-more, prevention of disease and disability, and early detection and treatment of health conditions can be attributed to access to primary care physicians.

Survey respondents (community and focus group members) feel strongly that access to primary care physicians (e.g. family doctor), access to medical specialists (e.g., cardiologists, pulmonologists, urologists), and access to mental health providers/services are top unmet needs in Macon County. Additional identified needs include access to addiction support services and access to safe neighborhoods. Secondary data confirms these concerns, as rates in Macon County for numerous health indicators are

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significantly higher than the state average. These higher rates include (but are not limited to) cancer incidence, sexually transmitted infections, smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity.

Major community health needs are documented in greater detail in the DMH Community Health Needs Assessment 2016—18 report.

## ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS

The following strategies have been developed to address the major health needs of the community.

### 1. Access to Primary Care Physicians

Access to primary care physicians is vital to our community members. Primary care physicians are generally the entryway into the healthcare system, leading to prevention of disease and disability, detection and treatment of health conditions, better quality of life, preventable death and a greater life expectancy. DMH actively works to increase access to primary care physicians through recruitment and a strong collaborative relationship with Crossing Healthcare.

#### Recruitment Efforts for DMH Medical Group

- **Activity:** DMH is aggressively recruiting primary care physicians to join the DMH Medical Group.
- **Goal:** The DMH Medical Group will add 3 primary care physicians to the service area by 2018.

#### Collaborative Effort with Crossing Healthcare

- **Activity:** With the ability and drive to enhance long-term organizational sustainability, by anticipating and preparing for industry reform, DMH has collaborated and will continue to collaborate with other area agencies including Crossing Healthcare. These efforts greatly enhance the healthcare options for members of the community. "Community Health Improvement Center (CHIC) at DMH" now known as "Crossing Healthcare at DMH"
- **Goal:** Crossing Healthcare at DMH will treat 9,000 patients a year.

### 2. Access to Medical Specialists

In an effort to maintain and grow appropriate healthcare services, DMH continues to recruit providers in a variety of specialties and collaborates with other healthcare organizations to increase care options for the community. In an effort to maintain and grow appropriate healthcare services, DMH continues to recruit providers in a variety of specialties and collaborates with other healthcare organizations to increase care options for the community. DMH fully understands and supports the need to offer care, locally. DMH has invested in specialty services to ensure the availability of high quality care, close to home for its patient base. With a medical staff of nearly 400 providers, DMH offers a variety of specialties, including vascular surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, interventional radiology, gastroenterology, orthopedic surgery,

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*To improve  
the health of  
the people of  
Central Illinois.*

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*Compassion  
Agility  
Respect  
Excellence  
Service*

podiatry, radiology, oncology, urology, nephrology, obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, colorectal surgery, neurology, neurosurgery, allergy and immunology, plastics and reconstructive surgery, otolaryngology, primary care, pediatrics, hospitalist medicine, emergency medicine, and several newly available pediatric sub-specialties.

### Collaborative Efforts with Other Area Healthcare Providers

- **Action:** DMH has partnered with Carle Foundation Hospital for ease of transferring patients and additional neurosurgery services offered on the DMH campus; SIU Healthcare for family medicine residency and physician assistant training programs located on the DMH campus, a variety of additional residency programs expected in the near future, and pediatric and adult sub-specialties; vRad Teleradiology for additional radiology services; Specialists On Call for neurology telemedicine services; Crossing Healthcare for an access clinic outside of the Emergency Care Center, and ECI for emergency medicine services.
- **Goal:** DMH will increase sub-specialty services, offered in the service area, by 10% by 2018.

### 3. Access to Mental Health Providers and Services

On October 1, 2015 Decatur Memorial Hospital opened a 20-bed geriatric psychiatry unit, with Dr. Choudary Kavuri as medical director. The addition of the geriatric psychiatry service will fill a vital community need. Increase Access to Geriatric Psychiatric Services (Senior Behavioral Health)

- **Action:** DMH will work with area providers to increase awareness of the services offered through the Senior Behavioral Health Unit.
- **Goal:** The average daily Senior Behavioral Health Unit census will be 15 patients by 2018.

