

Northern Illinois University

Board of Trustees Northwestern Medicine Partnership Report

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Northwestern Medicine Partnership: A Brief History





Opportunity arises as Health Services and Athletics have Medical Director vacancies. Discussions with Northwestern Medicine (NM) are initiated



Jan. 2019

NM/NIU launches partnership with NM taking responsibility for management and operations of on-campus Student Health Center

Athletics creates partnership with NM for Athletics Medical Director services and oversight



Mid-point of our agreement with NM (Jan. 2119 – Dec. 2023)

COVID-19 has defined and solidified our partnership



Collaboration Priorities



Enhance	Enhance the student experience by expanding the breadth and quality of on-campus medical care delivered to students
Increase	Increase student awareness of and satisfaction with Student Health Center
Affordability	Make on-campus health care more affordable for students and the University
Expand	Expand care with access to the Northwestern Medicine network

COVID-19 Response



COVID Contributions (AY 20-21)



- Protecting the Pack taskforce
- Services partner
- Symptomatic student response
- Medical oversight of surveillance program
- Return to athletic competition



COVID Services: Fall Response





- Gateway testing point-of-care
- Surveillance testing
- Symptomatic/ exposure testing
- TeleHealth visits

Testing Site



COVID Services: Spring Response



Gateway

- Confirmatory negative testing for students prior to moving into NIU student housing
- Conducted at the start of the Spring semester during residence hall move-in days

Surveillance

- **Students, Faculty & Staff** living in NIU Housing, participating in face-to-face classes and/or interaction with public
- Hired 16 NIU Students to staff daily testing
- Monday through Friday with an average of 300 daily tests

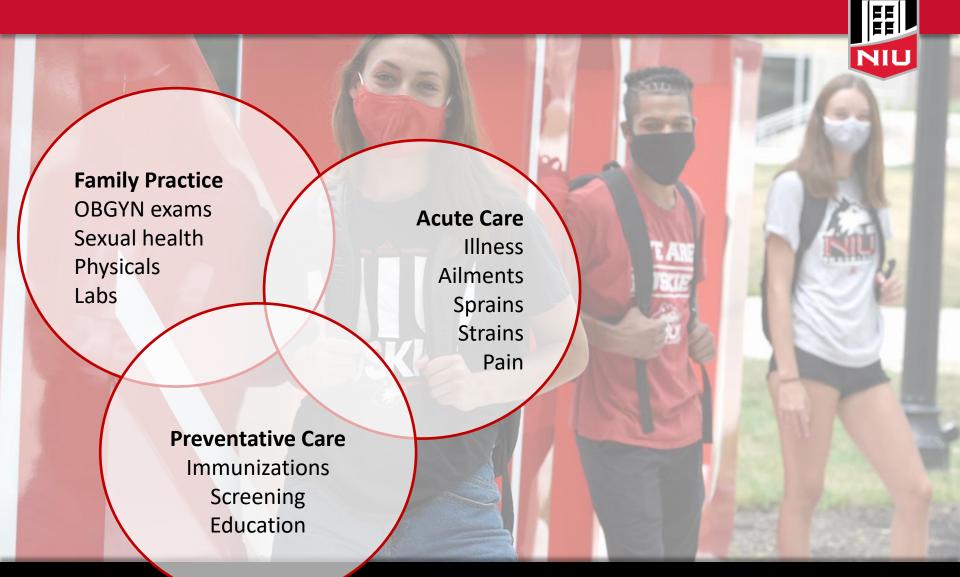
Athletics

- Surveillance testing for Athletics
- Conducted per the NCAA guidelines

Student Experience







Access to Care – Student Health Center

- Medical Director
- Provider visits
- Increased use of telehealth
- Same-day appointments



Access to Care - Athletics



- Medical Director
- Game coverage
- Physical therapy
- Local expansion of services
- Training room



Student Satisfaction





Satisfaction with Health Center providers for all students (87% up from 82%)



Satisfied with knowledge demonstrated by designated medical professionals regarding injuries for student athletes (4.42 up from 4.26)



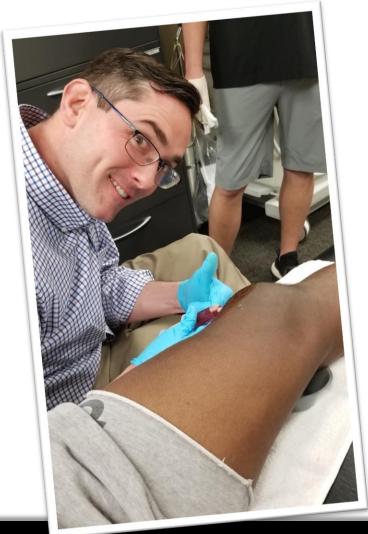
Quality of care received from team physicians was high for student athletes (4.38 up from 4.22)



Timely access to team physicians after reporting symptoms or injuries for student athletes (4.38 up from 4.20)

Student Athlete Testimonial





"My experience with Dr. Smyth was fantastic. Throughout the whole process Dr. Smyth made sure that I was comfortable and that we were on the same page with everything. He is very personable, and it is clear his passion for his practice and his patients. He did an outstanding job during my surgery and the recovery has been extremely smooth. Would recommend Dr. Smyth to anybody!"

Expanding Partnership



Relationships

- Protecting the Pack taskforce
- Campus wellness initiative
- Illinois Consortium of Student Health Programs
- Emergency services
- Eating disorder treatment team



Interdisciplinary Treatment Team





Enhancements



- Cardiac screening program
- Fast-track UTI treatment
- Chaperone policy
- Fueling Station
- Trauma-informed care



Fueling Station

Looking Ahead



- Marketing strategy to reintroduce the health center to students in the fall
- Reinstate NIU-specific assessments for awareness and satisfaction
- Pilot additional access at satellite location



Thank you...



...to Northwestern Medicine for their continued partnership!

Questions?