

ABOUT HEALTHFIRST



- Independent Practice Association since 2010
- Represent ~90% of Vermont's physician owned practices
- HealthFirst primary care practices care for over 85,000 patients*
- Had first Medicare ACO in the state (ACCGM); also had commercial ACO (VCP); currently have active participants in OCV ACO programs
- These small businesses employ hundreds of Vermonters
- Practice directory at vermonthhealthfirst.org

*Family medicine, pediatric & adolescent medicine, and some internal medicine practices are counted as primary care. It does not include OB or GYN practices.

NETWORK DEMOGRAPHICS



63 Practices

- 26 primary care (41%)
- 37 specialty care (59%)

130 Physicians

- 56 primary care (43%)
- 74 specialty care (57%)

70 NPs/PAs*

- 48 primary care (69%)
- 22 specialty care (31%)

*Count includes only those who work 20+ hours/week

33+ SPECIALTIES REPRESENTED

Addiction Medicine

Allergy & Immunology

Anesthesiology

Cardiology

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Clinical Informatics

Dermatology

Dermatopathology

Family Medicine

Gastroenterology

General Surgery

Gynecology

Gynecology Oncology

Hematology/Oncology

Internal Medicine

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Oncology

Ophthalmology

Orthopaedic Hand Surgery

Pain Medicine

Pathology

Pediatrics

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Psychiatry

Reproductive Endocrinology

Sports Medicine

Surgical Oncology

Thoracic & Vascular Surgery

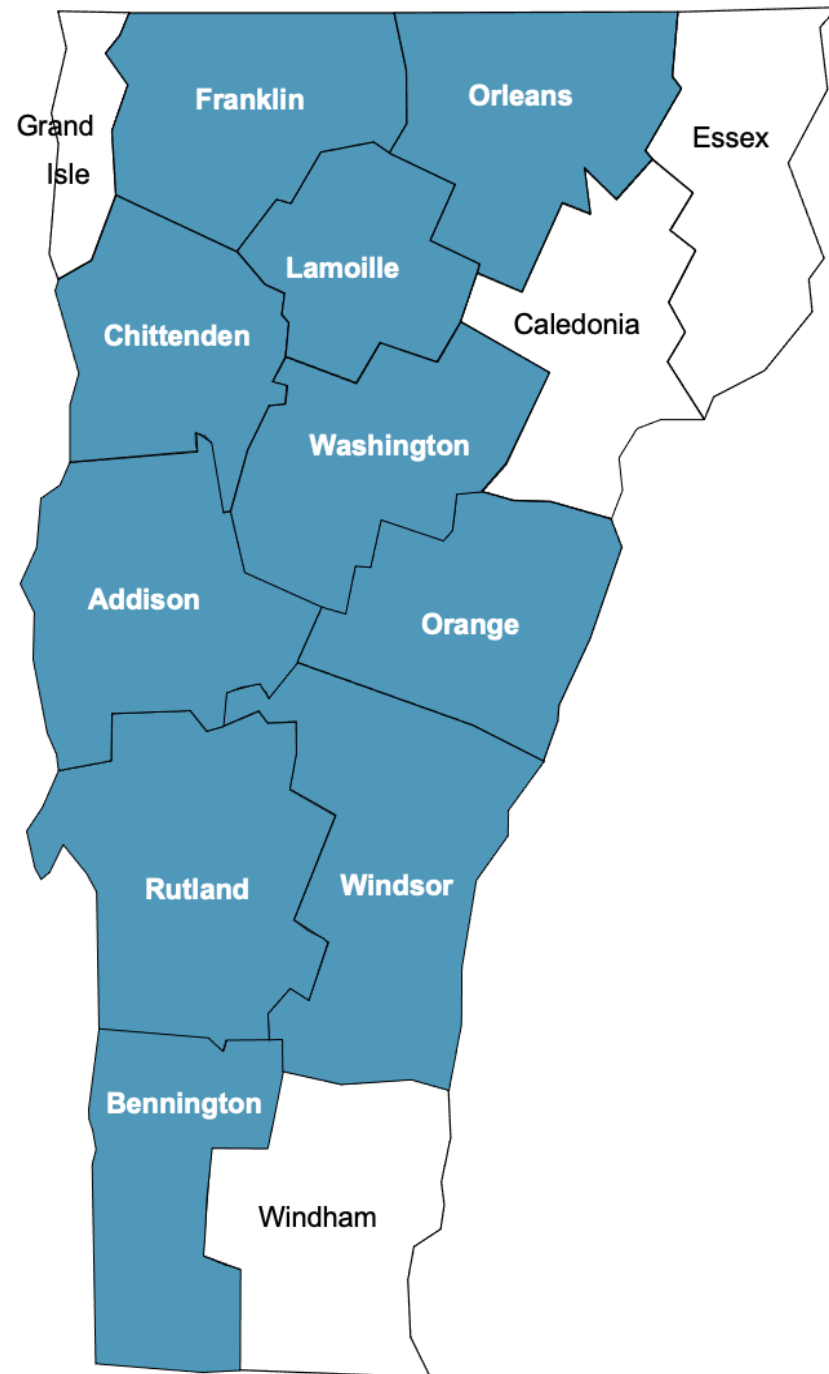
Urgent Care

Urology

Practices located in 10 counties

60% (38/63) in Chittenden County

40% (25/63) outside of Chittenden County



HEALTHFIRST PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES

26 Primary Care practices collectively care for an estimated 85,200 patients

- 11 of those practices are in Chittenden County & care for over 56,000 patients - almost **34%** of the Chittenden County population*
- 15 of those practices are in more rural areas & care for over 28,000 patients

DECLINE IN NUMBER OF PRACTICES AND PHYSICIANS

15% decline in total number of practices

9% decline in total number of physicians

10% fewer

21% fewer

8% fewer

10% fewer

41
37

33
26

74
68

69
62

Specialty Practices

Primary Care Practices

Specialists

Primary Care Physicians

■ 2017

■ OCT 2022

Why Maintaining Access to Independent Primary Care Practices is Good for Patients

- Independent primary care practices consistently demonstrate that they deliver high quality care while keeping the overall cost of patient care low
- The experience of care at small, community-based, practices is different
 - More personalized and responsive care
 - Efficient, nimble, less costly
 - More accessible, typically have have much shorter wait times
- Patients want options for care -- health care services are personal, tailored services unique to different individuals
- Having independent practice as a viable option attracts practitioners to Vermont, allowing Vermonters more choices and better access