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First Choice Healthcare Solutions (FCHS-OTCQB)

FCHS has converted $1.4 million in line of credit debt into 1.866 million shares of common stock.

OUTLOOK

First Choice Healthcare Solutions Inc. is a rapidly growing provider of patient-centric care offered through "Medical Centers of Excellence" which are not owned by physicians. Currently concentrating on Orthopaedic and related care the company is expanding in what is, for it, an almost unlimited market. As the company grows we expect higher pretax margins as corporate overhead remains relatively constant. Our target price is $2.00 a share.

Current Price (01/17/17)	$1.48
Valuation	**$2.00**

SUMMARY DATA

52-Week High	**$1.60**
52-Week Low	**$0.83**
One-Year Return (%)	**48.0**
Beta	**0.4**
Average Daily Volume (sh)	**22,714**
Shares Outstanding (mil)	**24.42**
Market Capitalization ($mil)	**$36.1**
Short Interest Ratio (days)	**N/A**
Institutional Ownership (%)	**1**
Insider Ownership (%)	**31**
Annual Cash Dividend	**$0.00**
Dividend Yield (%)	**0.00**
5-Yr. Historical Growth Rates	
Sales (%)	**N/A**
Earnings Per Share (%)	**N/A**
Dividend (%)	**N/A**
P/E using TTM EPS	**N/M**
EV/EBITDA *	**5.2**
P/E using 2018 Estimate	**9.6**

*** includes rental and other income**

Risk Level	**N/A,**
Type of Stock	**N/A**
Industry	**Medical Service**

ZACKS ESTIMATES

Net Patient Revenue
(in millions of $)

	Q1 (Mar)	Q2 (Jun)	Q3 (Sep)	Q4 (Dec)	Year (Dec)
2014	**$2.2 A**	**$2.1 A**	**$1.9 A**	**$1.9 A**	**$8.1 A**
2015	**$2.2 A**	**$3.8 A**	**$5.8 A**	**$6.0 A**	**$17.8 A**
2016	**$6.6 A**	**$7.0 A**	**$7.1 A**	**$7.5 E**	**$28.2 E**
2017	**$9.0 E**	**$9.2 E**	**$9.7 E**	**$9.7 E**	**$37.6 E**

Earnings per share

	Q1 (Mar)	Q2 (Jun)	Q3 (Sep)	Q4 (Dec)	Year (Dec)
2014	**$0.00A**	**-$0.03A**	**-$0.02A**	**-$0.09A**	**-$0.14A**
2015	**$0.00A**	**-$0.03A**	**$0.03A**	**-$0.08A**	**-$0.07A**
2016	**$0.02 A**	**$0.01 A**	**$0.02 A**	**-$0.03 E**	**$0.01 E**
2017	**$0.04 E**	**$0.04 E**	**$0.05 E**	**$0.00 E**	**$0.13 E**

Zacks Projected EPS Growth Rate - Next 5 Years %	**N/A**
N/A	**N/A**

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RECENT NEWS

First Choice Healthcare Solutions has announced that $1.4 million of its line of credit with CT Capital has been converted to 1.866667 million shares of common stock (at a cost to CT Capital of $0.75 a share).

In June, 2013 FCHS had agreed with CT Capital for a line of credit of up to $1.5 million at a 12% rate of interest. In Nov. 2013 the rate was changed to 6% for the period from Nov. 2013 to Nov. 2015.

The agreement was amended in June 2015 to a $2.0 million line and in Dec. 2015 this was increased to $2.5 million

As of Sept. 30, 2016 (the last available financials) the outstanding balance was $2.5 million, the maximum under the agreement. The cost of this would be $12,500 a month. The reduction by $1.4 million reduces this to $5,500 a month. The additional shares increases the basic share count from 24.4 million at the end of 3Q16 to approximately 26.3 million and fully diluted share count becomes 30 million for 2017.

We assume that the prior credit limit and interest rate still holds, which gives the company an increased flexibility for expanding operations in 2017.

Adjusting our estimates for future years, the non-GAAP EBITDA margin remains at 20.28%, in line with company guidance. Our 2017 EPS increases by $0.01 from $0.12 to $0.13.

The company announced its third quarter results on November 15, 2016 followed by a conference call.

Results were close to our estimates with EPS, as we had forecast, at $0.02. Patient revenue was slightly below our estimate due to one doctor who was out due to sickness (now back in the office), another who was deployed by the military (who should be back in the new year) and a doctor conducting a multi-continental training tour on a spinal fusion surgical procedure he pioneered. Our forecast assumes that one new doctor will be added in the 1Q17.

Excellent control of G&A expenses carried through from the second quarter and pretax income was $0.584 million as compared to our estimate of $0.6 million.

Management discussed its progress during the year in increasing the number of surgeries performed. In 1Q16 there were 610 surgeries, 2Q16 644 and 3Q16 791 for a total of 2,045 surgeries in nine months. The company has the capacity for close to 5,000 surgeries a year.

The company discussed its guidance for 2016 and gave preliminary guidance for 2017. We had been overly optimistic on the addition of new doctors and we have adjusted that downwards. As we have stated before our revenue numbers shown on page 1 are net patient revenue after bad debt expense and before rental and other income whereas the company does include these in its forecast. Our new estimate of $37.6 million equates to $42 million on the same basis as that used by First Choice. This does not include any acquisitions during the rest of 2016 or in 2017.

The company has announced that all of its business operations were spared harm from the epic hurricane Matthew and normal business operations resumed this on Monday, Oct. 10, 2016. While the Company maintains emergency backup power and redundant backup IT systems, there was no interruption of power or Internet during or following the storm.

Given that there was an evacuation order issued for people living on the barrier islands in Brevard County, there may have been people that left the Melbourne area that had scheduled appointments for late last week or this week that have not yet returned to their homes. However, the Company announced that it will make every effort to accommodate patient requests to reschedule their appointments.

First Choice further announced that it did not expect that the storm would have any negative impact on its financial performance, so we are not changing our revenue estimates for the 4Q16.

First Choice Healthcare Solutions reported its second quarter results on August 15, 2016 followed by a conference call the next day.

Net patient revenue was spot on our estimate of $7.0 million. The salary and benefit expense ratio improved from 56% a year ago to 45% this year, which was better than we had expected. However, other operating expenses were higher than expected. Corporate overhead continues to decline as a percentage of revenue. Overall the company reported a profit of $0.01 a share as compared to a loss of $0.03 a year ago.

Management expects two doctors to be added to the staff in the second half of the year, one this quarter for certain. There is the possibility that a third doctor will be added to the staff but we have not included that doctor in our estimates. As of June 30, 2016 there were 12 physicians, 7 physician assistants and 128 total employees at First Choice.

The company continues to add to the list of large third party payers that cover patient costs at its facilities. The provision for bad debts continue to decline as a percentage of total patient revenue, a very positive sign.

We have assumed that the current expense ratios, mainly other operating expenses, will continue at the higher level reported in the second quarter. This is higher than our prior expectations and the cost increase has resulted in a slight reduction in our estimates.

On July 6, 2016 First Choice announced the appointment of Mr. Tim K. Skeldon as CFO.

Mr. Skeldon has extensive experience as a CFO in the healthcare industry having spent 17 years with the Parrish Medical Center and time with the Central Florida Regional Hospital as VP and CFO. Parrish Medical Center is a public, not-for-profit, 210-bed acute care hospital in Titusville, Florida, not far from the Kennedy Space Center and about 40 miles north of Melbourne. The medical center was founded in 1958 with 28 beds. It has an extensive list of accepted medical insurance and Medicare plans.

Mr. Bittar, who is 74,will retire as the CFO and will remain on the Board of Directors. He will provide advisory support on mergers and acquisitions and strategic business development. The search for a new CFO has been well known and is not a surprise.

Dr. Raymond J. DeLorenzi has joined FCMG, thus completing the expected roster as discussed previously. It is possible that another surgeon may join TBC before year end.

The DeLorenzi Orthopaedic Center is a single doctor practice in Viera, FL and is 13 miles from Marina Towers. FCHS will assume management of the orthopaedic center and integrate its administration and financial operations into FCHS's systems. Dr. DeLorenzi is affiliated with a number of hospitals and medical centers in the Viera area so it should be a seamless transition between the two organizations. He currently accepts insurance plans from most of the major third party payers, including both HMO and PPO plans from Aetna, Cigna, BCBS, Humana and United Healthcare. He has a very high satisfaction rating from his patients.

Since both Dr. DeLorenzi and Dr. Sands will be contributing to revenue and earnings in both Q3 and Q4 we have increased our estimates for Q4. For the full year 2016 we expect net patient revenue to be $30.8 million, rental income $2.5 million and bad debt expense $1.5 million, for gross revenue of $34.8 million. This is slightly ahead of the company's projections.

First Choice has announced that Dr. Kenneth C. Sands has joined FCMG. Dr. Sands is a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon with many years of experience in total joint replacement and restoration. Dr. Sands joined his prior practice, Health First Medical Group, in 2011 and practiced at Viera Hospital, Viera FL. Viera is about 16 miles north of Melbourne Fl where FCMG is located giving him easy access to the Marina Towers facility as well as his patient base.

We had included two surgeons added to FCHS this quarter and would expect them to be fully productive in 4Q16.

On May 16, 2016 First Choice Healthcare Solutions announced its first quarter results followed by a conference call on 17 May, 2016.

On the call it was stated that two orthopaedic surgeons should be signed up and operating at FCMG by the end of the second quarter and possibly two more by the end of the year. Another two doctors could be hired at TBC before year end as well. It takes several months before a doctor is fully credentialed so we would expect no significant revenue from these doctors in 2Q16 but gains in 3Q16 and again in 4Q16. First Choice also has to increase its ability to service the third party payer claims these doctors generate.

The near term goal is for the company to do, on average, 4,000 surgeries a year with each surgery generating about $12,500 in billable revenue.

The company is working to expand its access to cash in order to finance possible acquisitions. Access could be through lines of credit that do not have to be drawn down until the cash is needed. After the end of the 1Q16 First Choice has paid down significant amounts of its current liabilities using cash from the sale of assets.

The 1Q16 results were very good and exceeded our forecasts. The company reported a profit before the gain from the sale of property whereas we had expected break even to a small loss. Operating income before rental income was break even and after adjusting for rental revenue the operating profit was $0.6 million, as compared to our estimate of a small loss of $0.1 million.

As a percentage of patient service revenue salaries were lower than a year ago. Gross margins improved to 58.0%, much better than we had expected. Last year the gross margins were 57.9% and in 4Q15 it was 32.3% As the company grows and revenue expands we would expect more consistent ratios and better predictability of earnings. Furthermore, the bad debt expense in 1Q16 was $0.263 million, up from $.045 a year ago. As the company gains experience on actual bad debts incurred this number should be less of a burden to earnings.

In 2015 there were significant variations in gross margins and in the cost ratios as a percentage of patient revenue.

Overall revenue for the full year 2015, $19.5 million, was better than the company's projections of $19.4 million and, excluding litigation costs, all operating groups were profitable for the full year. Several non-cash and one-time costs impacted net income and GAAP results were a loss of $0.17 a share. However, non GAAP EBITDA was $3.1 million, up 50% from $2.1 million the prior year. Cash increased to $2 million at year end 2015.

A major impact on operating income was accounting for the reserves for bad debt of the two new entities, The B.A.C.K Center and Crane Creek Surgery Center which FCHS bought on in 2015. In accordance with GAAP accounting rules, a healthcare service company is required to allocate 30% of its accounts receivables to reserves. This reduces revenue without a compensating reduction in expenses so operation margins declined in the fourth quarter. Since the reduction in revenue is proportional to the amount of accounts receivable The B.A.C.K. Center was impacted the most. The reserve will fluctuate as the level of accounts receivable change on a quarterly basis.

First Choice settled its litigation with MedTRX, resulting in a total settlement and legal fees of approximately $2 million in cash and stock, which was charged to earnings in the fourth quarter of 2015. If First Choice had continued using MedTRX for billing and collection services management estimates that it would have cost $3.5 million in this year alone so the settlement is beneficial to both parties.

The company continues to work on expanding its relationships with third party payers, particularly relating to surgical procedures conducted at Crane Creek. Going forward progress here will also have a positive impact on overall results if/when more contracts with third party payers are negotiated.

On the conference call CEO Chris Romandetti stated that the company is in active discussion with several Orthopaedic surgeons, for both First Choice Medical Group (FCMG) and the B.A.C.K. Center (TBC). TBC is focused on spinal injuries and these are high cost operations. At FCMG the additional surgeons could be on board by the third quarter 2016. For TBC the company expects additional surgeons to be on-board by the fourth quarter or 2016.

Overall, we were satisfied with 2016 revenue generation and we think the company will meet or beat its 2016 revenue projections of $30 million.

On April 1, 2016 the company announced that on March 31, 2016 it completed the sale and leaseback agreement with Global Medical REIT Inc. for its real estate holding, Marina Towers.. This houses its corporate headquarters and its Medical Center of Excellence, FCMG . The selling price is $15.45 million and will net First Choice about $8 million.

This will allow First Choice to pay down existing debt and finance future expansion. Under the current Master Lease agreement covering the full 78,000 square foot facility, First Choice will pay monthly rent of $92,000 plus CAM charges. Of the 78,000 square feet, First Choice's corporate headquarters currently utilizes 2,521 SF and First Choice Medical Group, including its MRI center and Physical Therapy center, occupies approximately 27,000 square feet. The majority of the balance of available space is leased to other tenants.

The Master Lease is for 10 years plus two renewable five-year periods during which the rent will be adjusted to prevailing fair market rent. The sale of the building will generate a capital gain. The total PP&E on the balance sheet is $8.6 million, with the building representing approximately $5.8 million.. After payment of the mortgage, there will be a significant increase in cash reflected on the balance sheet in the upcoming 10-Q for the three months ended March 31,

2016. We will treat the gain as an extraordinary event and it will not be included in the earnings from operations.

KEY POINTS

Allowing Doctors to be Doctors.

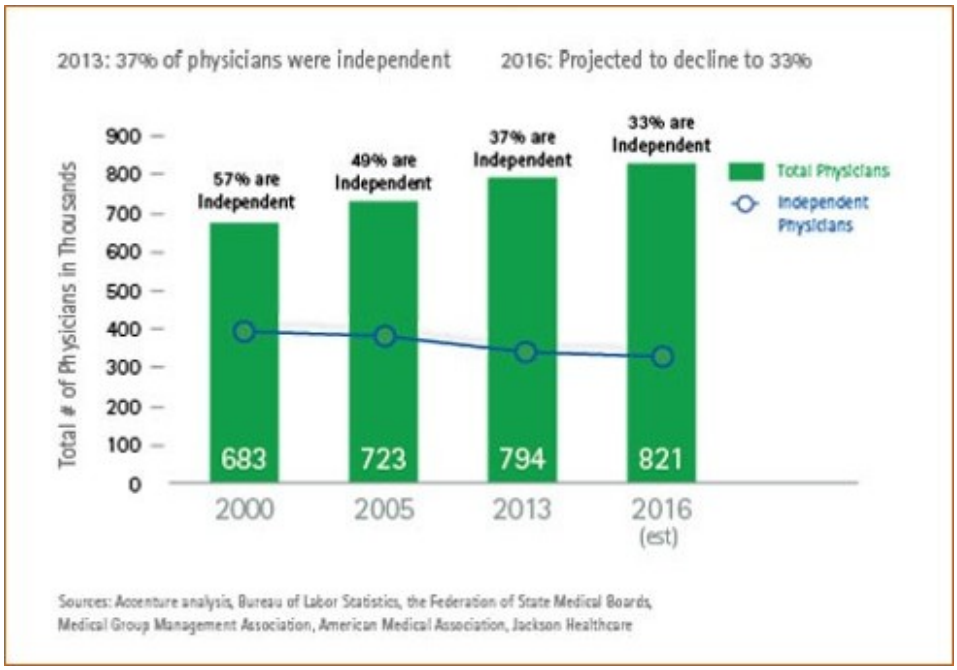
Based in Melbourne, Florida, First Choice Healthcare Solutions is focused on building localized integrated care platforms comprised of non-physician owned medical centers of excellence in specific regions of the Southeast United States. Future growth is not limited by geography. Current specialties are Neurology, Orthopaedics, Spine Surgery, Interventional Pain Medicine and related ancillary and diagnostic services. The company's flagship platform serves Florida's Space Coast region managing over 100,000 patient visits a year.

The company's strategy is to establish a significant presence in Melbourne, Florida achieving a base to generate approximately $50 million annual revenue while replicating its Melbourne model in other localized geographic markets with similar demographics throughout the country.

- **First Choice Healthcare Solutions aims to establish a national network of integrated Medical Centers of Excellence serving specific geographic markets.** These Centers focus on Orthopaedic care and treatment and cost between $6.5 million to $10 million each to assemble. Based on First Choice's business model and various factors associated with a specific geographic market, each system would consist of 8 to 10 doctors of various disciplines, but mainly Orthopaedic surgeons, and be capable of generating between $25-$50 million a year in revenue when fully built out with the addition of ancillary and diagnostic services. Effective May 1, 2015, First Choice signed an Operating and Control Agreement with The B.A.C.K. Center, which generated total revenue of $9.8 million for the 8 months, which compared to generating $13 million in both 2013 and 2014 for the full years. Effective October 1, 2015, the Company, through its recently formed wholly owned subsidiary, CCSC Holdings, Inc., acquired a 40% interest in Crane Creek Surgery Center and is entitled to 51% voting rights. The Company paid $560 thousand for the 40% interest. For the three months ended December 31, 2016, Crane Creek generated revenue of $1.12 million and operating profit of approximately $350 thousand in its first full quarter of ownership (Q415).

- **Attractive career alternative for doctors.** Working for First Choice, physicians are freed from the day to day administrative burdens of managing their own practice and have greater annual income potential. Moreover, they enjoy an enhanced quality of life and are able to deliver better patient care through the use of First Choice's state-of-the-art equipment and through collaborative care coordination with other First Choice providers and specialists on its team.

- **There is no shortage of doctors that wish to eliminate the complex regulatory and administrative burdens that exist within a private practice.** Many U.S. physicians are choosing alternatives to owning independent medical practices due to complex regulatory compliance, high overhead costs and daily administrative burdens that prevent them from providing the best patient experience and are limiting their earnings potential. A study published by Accenture in mid-2015 [https://www.accenture.com/us-en/insight-clinical-care-independent-doctor-will-not-see-you-now] suggests that the number of US physicians in independent practice will decline to just 33% by the end of 2016, down from 57% in 2000.



The "2014 Survey of America's Physicians: Practice Patterns and Perspectives" commissioned by The Physicians Foundation found that 81% of physicians felt they were over-extended or at full capacity. Many, 44%, physicians intended to reduce their workload, work part-time, retire or seek non-clinical jobs. Others will join with other practitioners or align with large health systems. For example, in San Diego County CA, over the last two years nearly all doctors are now aligned with only four groups; Kaiser, Sharp, UCSD and Scripps. In this study 89% of physicians believe the traditional model of independent healthcare is extinct.

- **Several groups have approached First Choice Healthcare Solutions to explore setting up a system in their geographic region.**

- **First Choice has reached critical mass and should be consistently profitable with increasing margins.** The addition and integration of profitable ancillary and diagnostic services will have a positive impact on gross margins.

- **First Choice Healthcare Solutions provides real patient-centric care.** Every patient is assigned an advocate who is responsible for making sure the patient's questions and concerns about scheduling, their care plans, insurance issues and any other problems are effectively addressed. Team based care allied to pain management has been proven to improve patient outcomes, and achieve a better Quality of Life for all patients. A relative "one-stop-shop, First Choice's system of care strives to ensure that all the patients needs are available in close proximity. Added profit comes from X-Ray, MRI, Cat scans and Physical Therapy provided in First Choice's physical therapy centers. Of the over 100,000 patient visits only about a third will actually need some form of surgery. Rather, every effort is made to effectively treat patients through pain management, physical therapy or other non-surgical solution. About one third of the patients are covered by Medicare and TRICARE (the military equivalent of health insurance for military personnel and their families).

- **Profitable entry into major markets.** The company's business model enables it to recruit physicians with existing, established patient bases, then negotiate to purchase the physician's former practices' furniture, fixtures, accounts receivable, et al, as desired. First Choice then assumes all financial, administrative and daily management control and adds ancillary and diagnostic services to the service mix. Through athenahealth's cloud-based services [athenahealth.com], First Choice controls billing and many other back-office functions in a timely and low cost system used by all of its Centers of Excellence. First Choice maintains the right to refuse high risk high cost patients and can choose what insurance, HMO or PPO plans they will accept. Consequently, acquisition and integration expenses can be quickly absorbed with a positive impact on profitability.

- **Significant savings for patients and third party payers without compromising profitability.** Hospitals are expensive to run and have to treat all patients whether they can pay or not. They need to be staffed 24/7/365 even if there are not enough patients to cover expenses. First Choice Centers of Excellence can give patients close to the same comprehensive high quality level of care and still achieve stronger, more profitable financial performance. performance -- all while focusing on Orthopaedic and related care.

- **High profit potential.** When rates for Medicare are based, in part, on the costs of hospital care, a well run medical center can make money.

- **Dedicated facilities provide optimum patient experience**. First Choice provides all of its services in close geographic proximity so that patients are afforded the greatest possible convenience and care experience.

- **The aging population is a built in growth factor.** Osteoarthritis is a common problem as people age and it is a major cause of knee problems. About 20% of knee replacements will need to be replaced for those that have the first operation between the ages of 45 and 65. Often replacing one knee, and the resumption of a more active

lifestyle, will impact the other knee and increase the probability of that knee causing problems.

- **With an overall market in excess of $150 billion for treatment outside of the hospital we think that the opportunity for FCHS to be unlimited.**

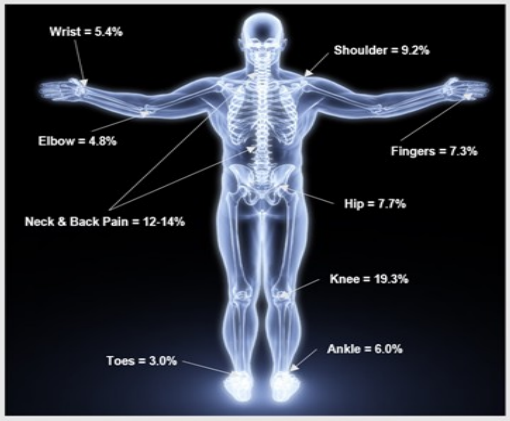
  [The Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States. www.boneandjointburdon.org The dollar amount is derived from adding up the costs of all the hip, knee and shoulder procedures performed in the USA in 2011.]

OVERVIEW

FCHS operates in the areas of Orthopaedic, Spine surgery, Interventional Pain Management and Neurology.

On a worldwide basis, 632 million people suffer from back pain, 332 million from neck pain, there are 251 million people with osteoarthritis and 561 million with other musculoskeletal problems (Lancet, 15 December 2012).

Proportion of US Population[1], Age 18 and Older, Reporting Joint Pain, 2013



[1] Age-adjusted to July 1, 2013 U.S. Census population estimates (approximately 243 million, age 18 or older)

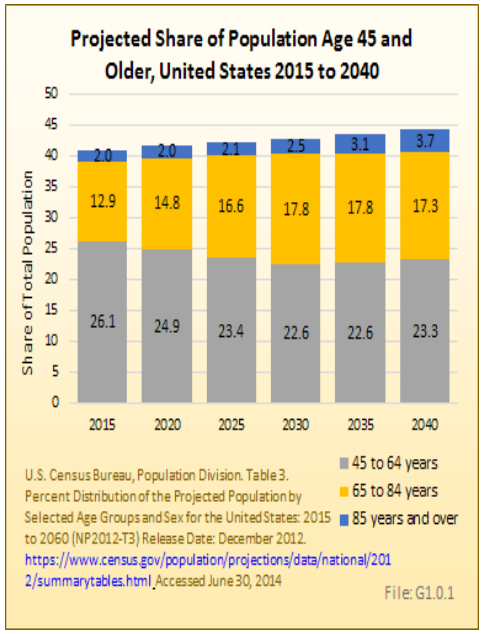
Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, Report Builder | 2013

Bone and Joint Burden.org | The Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States | www.boneandjointburden.org/2014-report/ii/spine-low-back-and-neck-pain

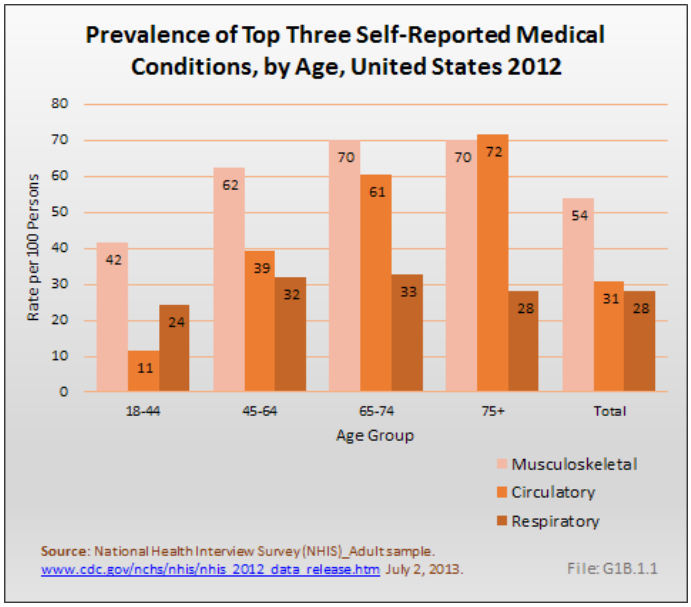
On the Top 10 list of diseases in America, "back pain" stands at number eight, which according to Forbes.com costs over $40 billion annually for treatment costs alone. Other estimates that include disability, work loss and total indirect costs range between $100 and $200 billion per year. Back pain sent over 3 million people to emergency rooms in 2008 at a cost of $9.5 billion, making it the ninth most expensive condition treated in U.S. hospitals.

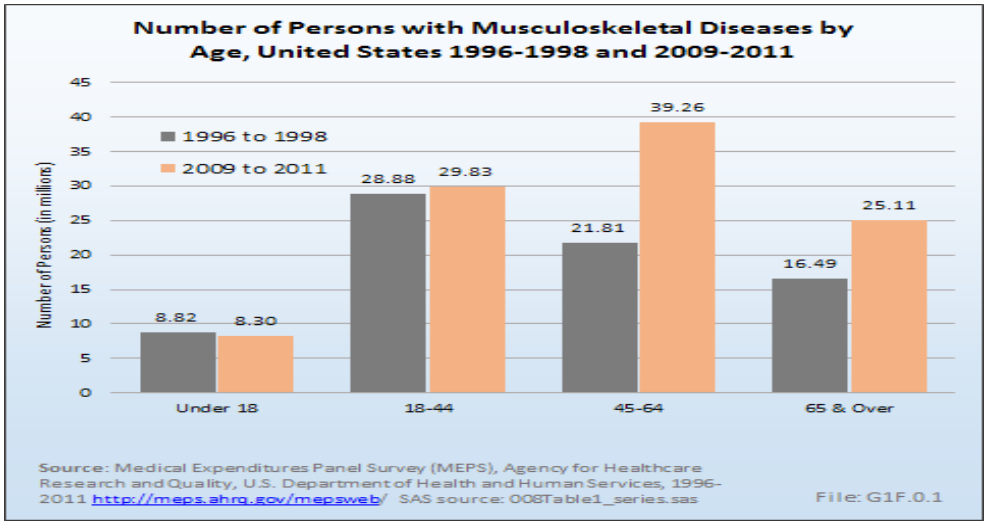
The incidence of joint pain for knees, hips and shoulders for those over the age of 18 accounted for over 30% of those reporting in 2012. Pain management (algiatry) is one of the services offered by FCHS.



Older people tend to have osteoarthritis leading to knee, hip and shoulder problems. 67 out of 100 persons 45 and older have Musculoskeletal problems. This adds up to over 64 million potential patients which spent $135 billion on osteoarthritis related problems in 2011, which may be diagnosed in care facilities and account for 29% of all diagnoses in hospitals.

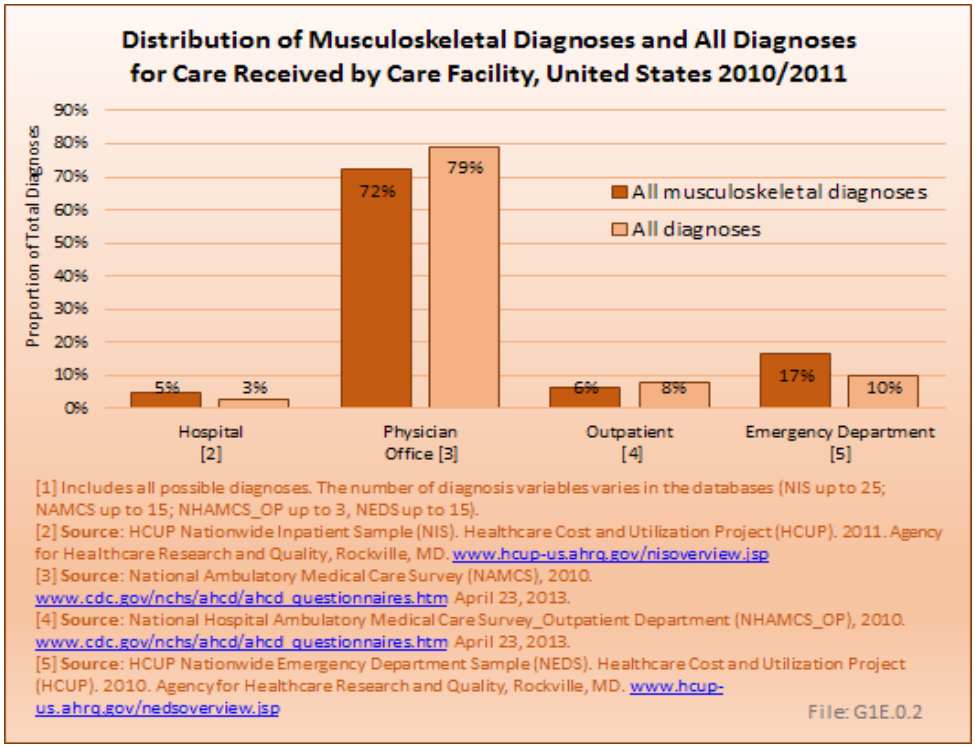
As patients age they become more susceptible to such problems as osteoarthritis and osteoporosis, peaking within the ages of 65 and older and from age 18 and on the incidence of musculoskeletal disease becomes significant. It is estimated that in 2011 there were over 94 million people with problems. Other sources (American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons) estimate that 50 percent of Americans are affected by arthritis of the knee.

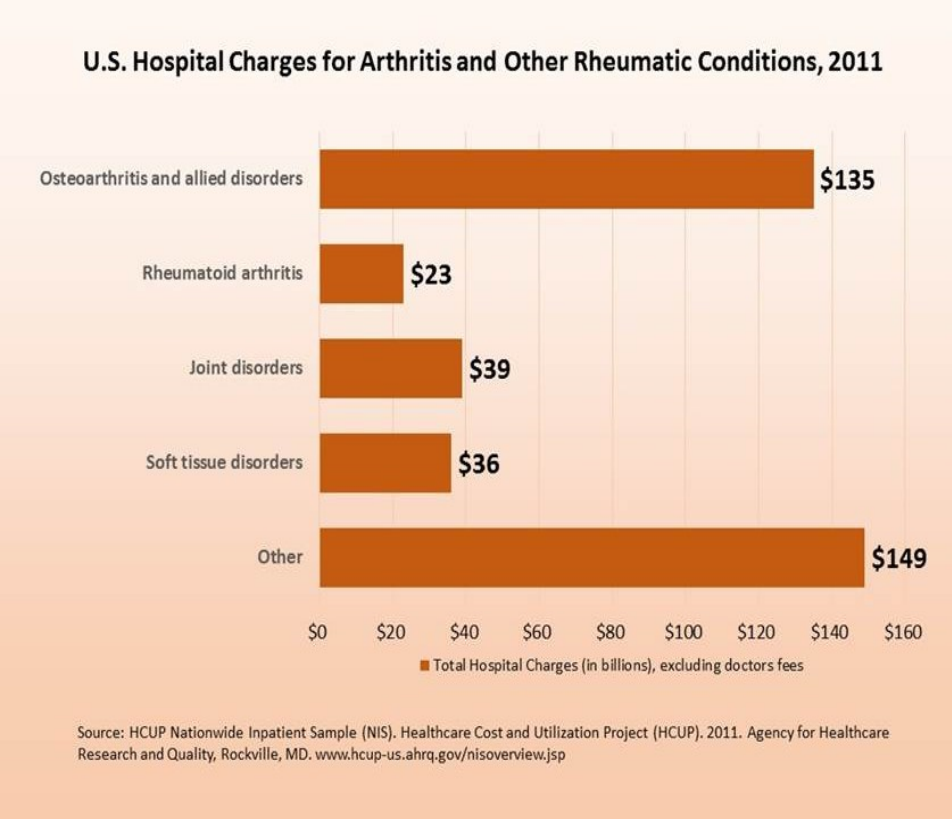




Over 72% of musculoskeletal diagnoses based on where care was received occurred in physician offices. This is a major competitive factor for companies such as First Choice Healthcare Solutions.

Osteoarthritis and joint pain are significant sectors of treatment in hospitals and charges accounted for nearly $175 billion in 2011 out of the $1.3 trillion spent for all arthritis and rheumatic conditions. This does not include treatment outside of hospitals. Within this amount the growth potential of First Choice Healthcare Solutions is unlimited. Musculoskeletal diseases cost close to $800 billion in 2011, and this total is growing.

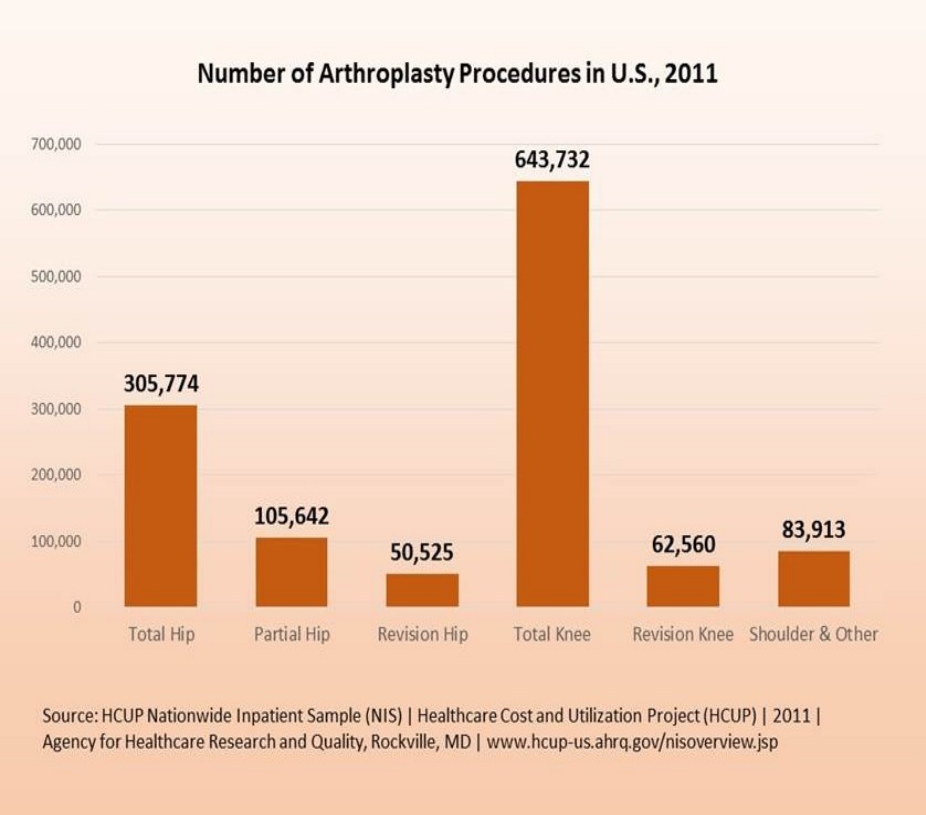


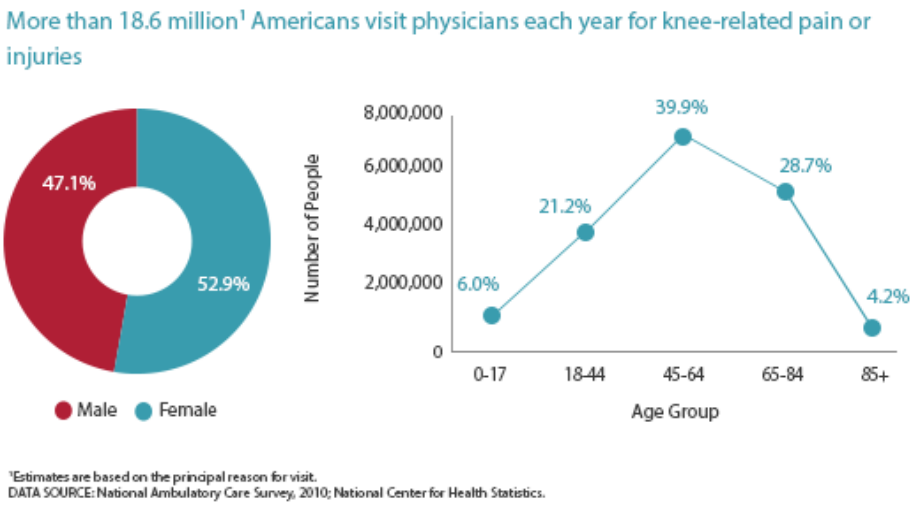


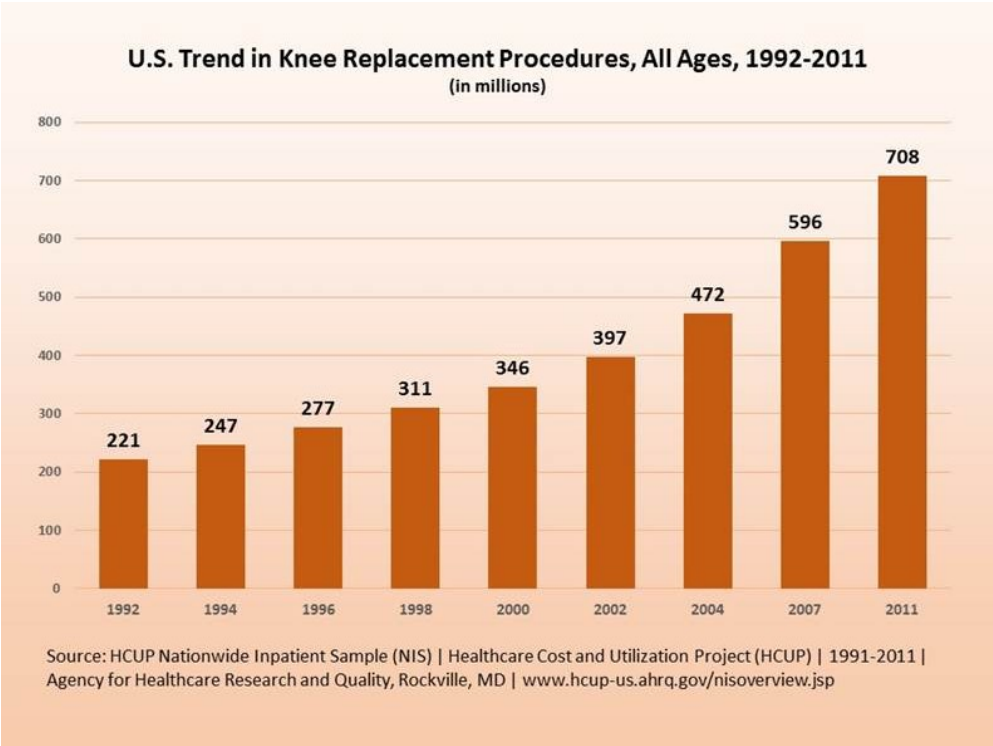
The three major operations for joint replacement are knees, hips and shoulders. Recent data for rotator cuff repair is not available. However, there were 151,866 rotator cuff repair procedures from 2004 through 2009, which represented an incidence of 13.6 for every 1,000 patients

assigned an orthopaedic International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) or Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code.

In 2011 the number of knee operations (706,292), hips (461,761) and shoulders (66,895) totaled 1.235 million procedures. The estimated hospital charges alone exceeded $50 billion






U.S. Trend in Knee Replacement Procedures, All Ages, 1992-2011
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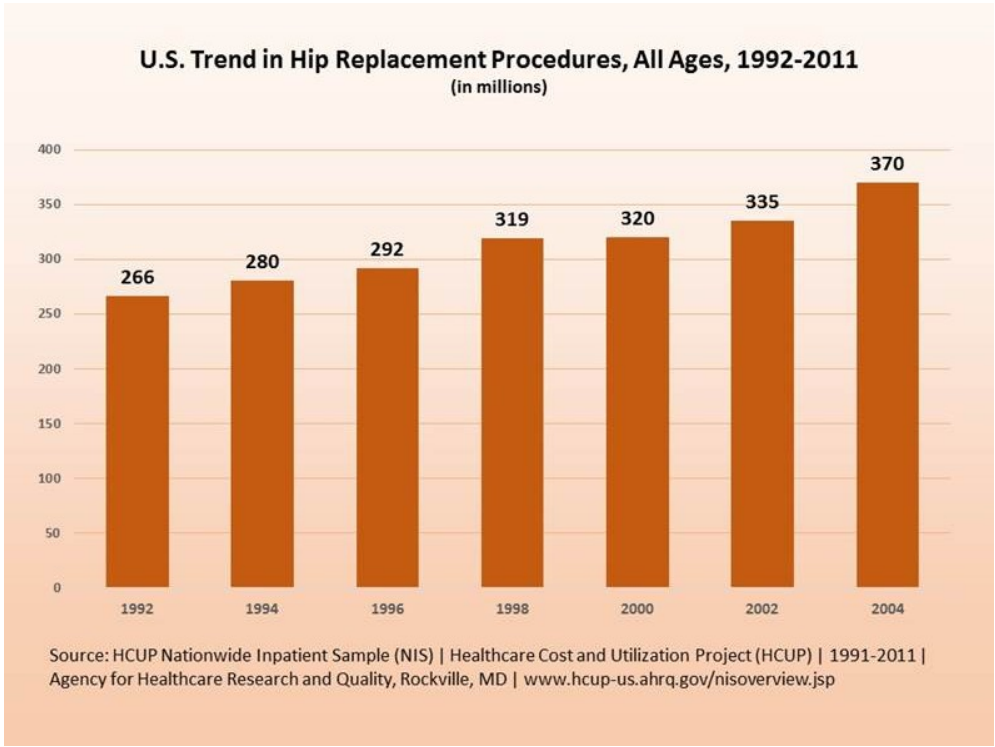
U.S. Trend in Hip Replacement Procedures, All Ages, 1992-2011
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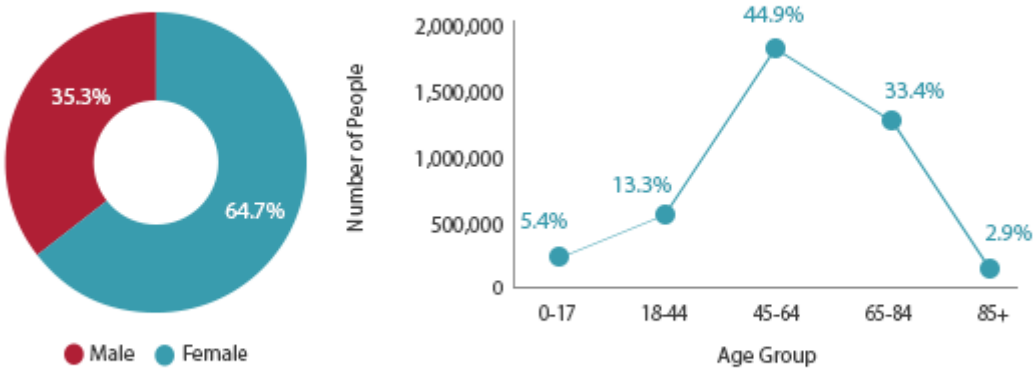
Source: HCUP Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) | Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) | 1991-2011 | Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD | www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/nisoverview.jsp

More than 4 million[1] Americans visit physicians each year for lower hip-related pain or injuries



[1]Estimates are based on the principal reason for visit.
DATA SOURCE: National Ambulatory Care Survey, 2010; National Center for Health Statistics.

U.S. Trends in Total Hospital Charges[1] for Hip Replacement Procedures, in 2011 U.S. Dollars[2], 1998-2011



[2]Average charges are based on individual record discharges. The fees included may vary from patient to patient, but generally include hospital room, supplies, medications, laboratory fees and care staff, such as nurses. They generally do not include professional fees (doctors) and non-covered charges. In a small proportion of the discharge cases, professional fees (doctors) are not removed from total charges because the data source cannot provide the information. Emergency charges incurred prior to admission to the hospital may be included in total charges.

[2] Source: CPI Inflation Calculator | Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor | www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm | October 29, 2013

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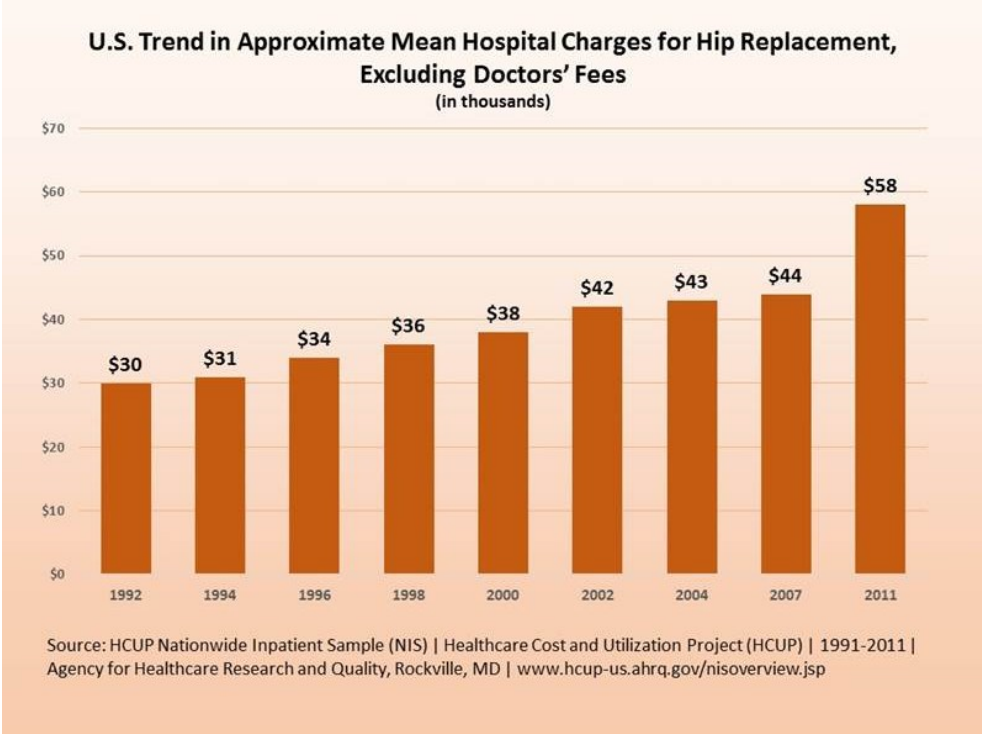

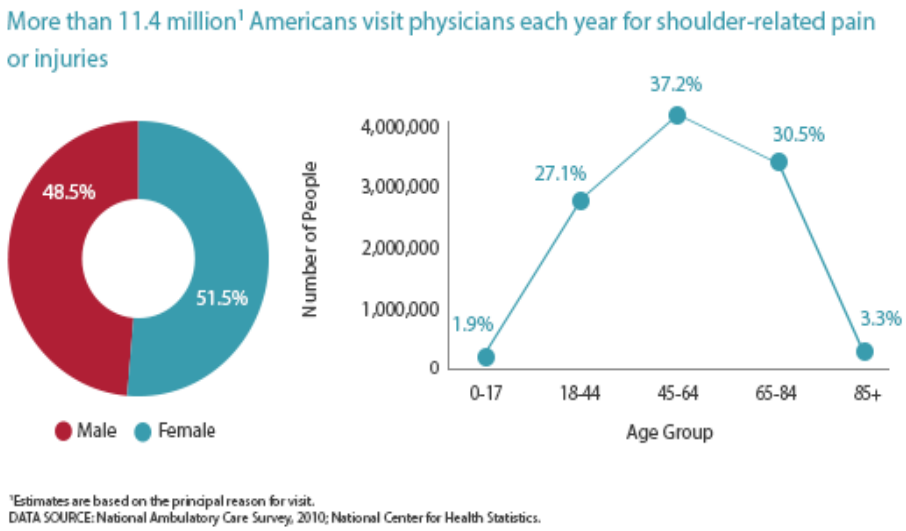

Charges and payment by third party payers for the same operation varies across the country. The charges paid vary by the plan covering the patient. The charge per code number (each part of a procedure is coded and these codes are used to determine the payment) is determined by what is paid under that code by Medicare. As described below the range of payment for a procedure varies.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield published a study in January 2016 [bcbs.com/blog/knee-hip-cost-variations.html] that shows that there are significant variations in hip and knee replacement costs across the country and even in the same state.

	Average	High	Low
Knee replacement	$31,124	$69,654	$11,317
High was in New York City, low was in Montgomery, Alabama			
Hip replacement	$30,124	$73,897	$11,327
High was Boston, low was Birmingham, Alabama			

The cost varies even in the same city and between various plans. In Dallas TX the cost varies from $16,772 to $61,585 depending on which hospital was used.

Health-care prices are all over the map, even within your plan's network

(Consumer Reports magazine: July 2012)

Traditionally, insurers have based prices on what providers charge. Some rely on proprietary internal numbers, and some use national data collected and analyzed by Fair Health, a nonprofit organization based in New York City. [http://www.fairhealth.org/About-FH]

But that's changing as more insurers have begun setting their price as a percentage of what Medicare pays for the service. A March 2012 investigation by the New York State Department of Financial Services found that most plans that use this method pay between 110 percent and 150 percent of what Medicare pays. "It sounds like a lot but it's extraordinarily low," says Robin Gelburd, (Fair Health's president at that time). The range of prices actually paid at that time are outlined below. https://healthcarebluebook.com

Hip replacement	$19,500 to $43,875
Total Knee replacement	$17,800 to $42,750
Laminectomy (spine surgery)	$17,800 to $25,760

The Healthcare Blue book provides a so called fair price, which is usually close to the lowest price paid and below what is usually paid for that service by Medicare. Sample "Fair" prices as of the date of this report were:

Current "Fair Prices"	Los Angeles CA	Walt Disney World FL
Shoulder rotator cuff	$7,194	$6,368
Total Knee replacement	$26,385	$21,378
Total Hip replacement	$26,465	$21,455

Amongst the most expensive operations are back surgery. With Surgical costs, medications, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), rehabilitation and disability, the average spine surgery case approaches $100,000 or more. The direct costs are astronomical and may reach as high as $169,000 for a lumbar fusion and $112,000 for a cervical fusion.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Health care is a growing business. Those areas that are tied to a older population are growing even faster since getting older is inevitable. Arthritis in its various forms is growing within the older part of the population. The US population is sport conscious and older people are injured more often and require more treatment than do younger people.

INDUSTRY POSITION

First Choice Healthcare Solutions is a significant provider of orthopaedic services in Melbourne Florida.

VALUATION

The prime measure we use for valuation is a comparison of EV/EBITDA. The current valuation based on L4Q data is in line with the median for the peer group and the stock price should increase as EBITDA increases. Using estimated N4Q EBITDA and the current EV the ratio is 3.6, well below its potential valuation.

COMPARISON TABLE	Ticker	Price	Mkt	ROE	P/E	P/E	P/B	P/S	EV/Rev.	EV/EBITDA	PEG	Inst.
		1/18/17	Cap	(%)	L4Q	NFY	LQ	L4Q	L4Q			Ownership %
			(in million)									
First Choice Healthcare	**FCHS**	**$1.48**	**$36.1**	**12.75**	**NM**	**22.3**	**2.83**	**1.42**	**1.16**	**5.16**	**0.7**	**NA**
Solutions, Inc.												
Community Health Systems	CYH	$7.11	$808	4.70	N/A	10.46	0.43	0.04	0.86	8.37	N/M	94.9
Envision Health Holdings	EVHC	$68.54	$8,050	14.65	107.10	13.81	6.22	2.67	2.00	8.32	1.18	100+
Foundation Healthcare Inc.	FDNH	$0.31	$6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.04	0.69	101.90	N/A	2.1
HealthSouth Inc	HLS	$41.74	$3,750	31.27	17.14	15.46	5.16	1.05	1.87	8.19	1.25	91.6
HCA Holdings	HCA	$80.93	$30,320	14.45	14.02	11.37	N/A	0.74	1.47	7.48	0.99	77.3
Kindred Healthcare Inc	KND	$7.75	$660	6.42	13.02	12.70	0.80	0.09	0.52	6.83	5.30	97.8
Lifepoint Health Inc.	LPNT	$61.35	$2,460	5.93	20.43	14.85	1.16	0.40	0.82	7.64	2.35	94.9
PRGX Global	PRGX	$5.95	$130	13.47	42.81	24.79	2.53	0.95	0.87	10.23	7.73	77.6
Select Medical Holdings	SEM	$14.80	$1,960	10.72	15.74	17.01	2.02	0.47	1.09	10.12	1.92	83.6
Surgery Partners Inc.	SGRY	$18.05	$875	23.72	82.22	21.24	N/A	0.81	2.05	9.62	0.32	N/A
Universal Health Services Inc.	UHS	$114.30	$10,990	17.04	16.99	14.16	2.75	1.14	1.51	8.52	1.83	95.6
US Physical Therapy Inc.	USPH	$70.80	$887	16.14	36.68	33.08	4.96	2.54	2.66	15.47	2.71	94.2
* Assumes zero net debt based on the sale of Marina Towers.												
(Source: Yahoo Finance & Zacks estimates. EBITDA for FCHS is based on N$Q estimates												
Mean				14.27	36.62	17.60	2.89	0.95	1.35	15.99	2.39	
Median				13.96	18.79	15.16	2.64	0.81	1.16	8.37	1.83	

The price to book valuation is high since FCHS is a young company and book value is low due to the negative retained earnings. This is offset by the PEG ratio and the very high growth rate in earnings since the company is growing so fast and has such a low PEG ratio.

We have decided to use $2.00 as our target price.

RISKS

- First Choice Healthcare Solutions, Inc. is a new company with a limited history. It needs to add additional physicians to meet its goals as well as hire corporate staff with sufficient experience to promote and manage the expected growth.

- Increasing the number of FCHS Medical Centers of Excellence will require funds that may not be covered by internally generated cash flow. This may include equity capital that would dilute the existing stockholders. Without sufficient funds the company would not be able to achieve its growth objectives.

- Additional Centers of Excellence would require the hiring of successful physicians to be successful. Integrating new physicians and new Centers of Excellence into the existing network may not result in anticipated cost savings and generate positive cash flow.

- As the number of centers and the number of physicians increase, managements attentions may be diverted away from operating the business unless management can hire appropriate people to manage groups of centers.

- If the company experiences operating problems, it may have a negative effect on hiring new personnel and attracting patients.

- It is essential that the company can attract new patients that require operations that will be profitable.

- The laws that impact the medical industry are constantly changing, and the company will have to anticipate those changes. Failure to do so may have an adverse impact on revenue and earnings.

- The medical profession is subject to significant legal challenges that would impact liability insurance rates and be costly to defend against in court. Substantial awards may occur that are not paid for by liability insurance.

- Reductions in reimbursement rates would have a significant negative impact on revenue and earnings.

- Failure to comply with local, state and federal regulations may result in investigations and fines or the closure of facilities.

- From time to time the company may become involved in legal proceedings that impact the company's ability to add Centers of Excellence

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As of September 30, 2016 there were 24.24 million shares outstanding, of which 7.52 million were held by insiders. In addition there were outstanding warrants to purchase 4.324 million shares (2.32 million at $1.35 and 1.875 million at $3.60) and options to purchase 3 million shares at a strike price of $1.35.

On the Company's third quarter earnings call, CEO Chris Romandetti stated that the Company has completed the repurchase of a cashless warrant from Hillair Capital Investments, which provided Hillair with the right to purchase 2.32 million shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of $1.35. First Choice paid Hillair $600,000 for the repurchase of the warrant and canceled it. This eliminates dilutive impact that 2.32 million shares may have had on the Company's future earnings per share.

As of the date of the proxy statement there were 24,418,613 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

On Jan. 10, 2017 the company announced the conversion of $1.4 million of the outstanding line of credit with CT Capital into 1.866667 shares of common stock (at $0.75 a share). This increases the shares outstanding to at least 26.285 million shares.

Chris Romandetti, Chairman, President and CEO owns 6.706 million shares. Donald Bitter owns 0.817 million and Timothy Skeldon owns 0.15 million.

All executive officers as a group own 30.81% of 24,419 million shares of stock outstanding

INCOME STATEMENTS FOR OPERATING ENTITIES.

First Choice Healthcare	2014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	2015	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16
Fiscal Year Dec.31									
FCID Medical									
Patient Service Revenue	$7.05	$2.24	$1.87	$1.77	$1.66	$7.54	$2.31	$2.38	$2.94
Salaries & benefits	$3.73	$0.84	$0.78	$1.10	$0.70	$3.42	$0.83	$0.87	$0.90
As % Revenue	52.9%	37.4%	41.7%	62.1%	42.5%	45.4%	35.9%	36.6%	30.5%
Other Op. expenses	$1.90	$0.46	$0.57	$0.67	$0.17	$1.86	$0.53	$0.33	$0.77
As % Revenue	27.0%	20.4%	30.2%	37.7%	10.3%	24.7%	23.0%	13.8%	26.3%
G&A	$1.17	$0.29	$0.32	$0.31	$0.32	$1.25	$0.36	$0.32	$0.41
As % Revenue	16.6%	13.0%	17.0%	17.6%	19.6%	16.5%	15.7%	13.5%	13.8%
Depn. & Amort.	$0.26	$0.07	$0.07	$0.07	$0.07	$0.27	$0.07	$0.07	$0.07
Op. inc.	-$0.01	$0.59	$0.14	-$0.38	$0.39	$0.74	$0.52	$0.79	$0.79
As % Revenue	-0.09%	26.21%	7.53%		23.63%	9.87%	22.52%	33.19%	27.01%
The B.A.C.K. Center									
Patient Service Revenue			$1.93	$4.01	$3.17	$9.11	$3.04	$3.20	$3.02
Salaries & benefits			$1.25	$1.05	$1.77	$4.08	$1.46	$1.76	$1.57
As % Revenue			64.8%	26.3%	55.9%	44.8%	48.0%	55.1%	52.1%
Other Op. expenses			$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
As % Revenue			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
G&A			$0.92	$1.34	$1.48	$3.74	$1.58	$1.62	$1.50
As % Revenue			47.5%	33.4%	46.8%	41.0%	52.1%	50.8%	49.8%
Depn. & Amort.			$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.02	$0.01	$0.01	$0.01
Op. inc.			($0.24)	$1.62	($0.08)	$1.27	($0.01)	($0.19)	($0.06)
As % Revenue				40.34%		13.92%			-1.89%
* excludes rental revenue									
CCSC									
Patient Service Revenue					$1.13	$1.13	$1.27	$1.45	$1.13
Salaries & benefits					$0.31	$0.31	$0.29	$0.31	$0.31
As % Revenue					27.6%	27.6%	23.1%	21.7%	27.5%
Other Op. expenses					$0.29	$0.29	$0.71	$0.83	$0.61
As % Revenue					25.5%	25.5%	55.8%	57.4%	54.1%
G&A					$0.11	$0.11	$0.11	$0.13	$0.11
As % Revenue					9.9%	9.9%	8.6%	8.6%	9.5%
Depn. & Amort.					$0.06	$0.06	$0.07	-$0.02	$0.04
Op. inc.					$0.36	$0.36	$0.09	$0.20	$0.06
As % Revenue					32.00%	32.00%	7.00%	13.76%	5.77%
Total patient revenue	$7.05	$2.24	$3.80	$5.78	$5.95	$17.77	$6.62	$7.02	$7.08
Total patient op. inc.	-$0.01	$0.59	-$0.10	$1.24	$0.67	$2.37	$0.60	$0.80	$0.80
Net other *	$0.04	($1.08)	$0.73	($0.61)	($4.04)	($5.58)	$8.97	$0.65	($0.22)
Pretax	$0.03	($0.50)	$0.63	$0.63	($3.37)	($3.20)	$9.57	$0.15	$0.58
* Includes all rental income									

PROJECTED INCOME STATEMENT & BALANCE SHEET

First Choice Healthcare																
Consolidated Statements of Operations																
(Dollars in millions except per share data)																
Fiscal Year Dec.31	2012A	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016 E	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017 E	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18	4Q18	2018 E	2019 E
Net patient service revenue	$2.65	$5.46	$7.97	$17.77	$28.42	$9.60	$10.56	$11.05	$12.50	$43.71	$9.70	$10.00	$10.20	$11.00	$40.90	$51.00
Provision for bad debts		$0.37	$0.91	$0.66	$1.23	$0.48	$0.53	$0.55	$0.63	$2.19	$0.49	$0.50	$0.51	$0.55	$2.05	$2.55
As % servive revenue		6.7%	11.5%	3.7%	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Rental revenue	$1.16	$1.05	$1.05	$1.75	$2.49	$0.60	$0.60	$0.60	$0.60	$2.40	$0.60	$0.60	$0.60	$0.60	$2.40	$1.50
All Revenue	**$3.81**	**$6.87**	**$9.93**	**$20.17**	**$32.14**	**$10.68**	**$11.69**	**$12.20**	**$13.73**	**$48.30**	**$10.79**	**$11.10**	**$11.31**	**$12.15**	**$45.35**	**$55.05**
Net Patient revenue	**$2.65**	**$5.09**	**$7.05**	**$17.77**	**$28.42**	**$9.00**	**$9.20**	**$9.70**	**$9.70**	**$37.60**	**$9.50**	**$10.00**	**$10.50**	**$11.00**	**$41.00**	**$51.00**
% Change				151.95	59.94	36.05	30.99	36.93	25.97	32.29	5.56	8.70	8.25	13.40	9.04	24.39
Salaries & benefits	1.59	3.10	4.76	9.34	13.93	4.05	4.32	4.37	5.82	18.56	4.28	4.70	4.73	7.15	20.85	25.90
G & A	1.31	1.71	2.43	7.15	9.85	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.70	10.60	2.70	2.70	2.80	2.80	11.00	11.60
Other operting expenses	0.87	1.35	1.90	2.10	5.67	1.40	1.40	1.30	1.30	5.40	0.95	1.00	1.05	1.10	4.10	3.29
Depr. & Amort.	0.31	0.52	0.55	0.85	0.83	0.35	0.35	0.45	0.45	1.60	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	2.00	1.80
Op Income GAAP	(1.44)	(1.58)	(2.59)	(1.67)	(1.85)	0.60	0.53	0.88	(0.57)	1.44	1.08	1.10	1.43	(0.55)	3.05	8.41
Interest Expenses	0.56	3.70	0.87	1.22	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Non Op Income	(0.06)	(0.47)	(0.08)	(2.07)	9.39	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.80	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.20	0.00
Rental & Other	1.16	1.05	1.05	1.75	2.49	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	2.40	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	2.40	1.50
Calc.Pretax	(0.90)	(4.70)	(2.49)	(3.20)	9.74	1.40	1.33	1.69	0.23	4.64	1.98	2.00	2.33	0.35	6.65	11.91
Taxes	(0.02)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.57
Tax Rate	2.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pro-forma adj.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income	(0.87)	#REF!	(2.49)	(3.42)	9.41	1.20	1.13	1.49	0.03	3.84	1.48	1.50	1.83	(0.15)	4.65	5.34
Costs and expenses are on a pro-forma basis																
Net For Common	(0.87)	(4.70)	(2.49)	(1.41)	0.32	1.20	1.13	1.49	0.03	3.84	1.48	1.50	1.83	(0.15)	4.65	5.34
Shares Used, millions	12.64	13.53	17.25	20.12	27.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Earnings Per Share																
Adjusted EPS	**($0.07)**	**($0.35)**	**($0.14)**	**($0.07)**	**$0.01**	**$0.04**	**$0.04**	**$0.05**	**$0.00**	**$0.13**	**$0.05**	**$0.05**	**$0.06**	**($0.01)**	**$0.16**	**$0.18**
GAAP EPS	**($0.07)**	**($0.35)**	**($0.14)**	**($0.17)**	**$0.01**	**$0.04**	**$0.04**	**$0.05**	**$0.00**	**$0.13**	**$0.05**	**$0.05**	**$0.06**	**($0.01)**	**$0.16**	**$0.18**
L4Q EBITDA plus bad debt expense.	N/M	N/M	N/M	($0.16)	$2.70	$3.56	$5.73	$6.36	$7.63	$7.63	$8.26	$9.85	$9.50	$9.50	$9.50	
N4Q EBITDA inc Rental Inc.						$7.63	$9.50									

The 2019 estimate assumes NOL carryover results in no taxes being paid.

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First Choice Healthcare										
Consolidated Balance Sheet (in $ millions)										
Fiscal Year Dec.31										
	4Q12	4Q13	4Q14	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16
ASSETS										
Cash	0.29	1.00	0.60	0.50	1.43	1.15	1.60	10.05	7.79	6.59
A/R	0.53	1.27	1.80	2.25	4.49	5.61	6.62	7.45	8.37	9.48
Cap. Financing costs	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other, inc empl. Loans	0.07	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.81	1.04	1.35	1.14	1.31	1.23
Total current assets	0.94	2.47	2.62	2.95	6.79	7.86	9.61	18.64	17.46	17.30
Gross Plant	8.76	8.66	10.77	10.78	12.12	12.18	8.61	2.69	2.65	2.63
Acc. Deprn	0.00	0.00	2.47	2.60	4.02	4.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cap. Financing costs	0.15	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	3.01	2.93	2.85	2.77
Patents	0.00	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.23
Patient list	0.28	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.21
All Assets	10.13	11.81	11.47	11.64	18.59	19.62	22.62	25.85	24.53	24.25
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH										
Debt Due 1 Yr	0.00	0.97	1.24	2.06	0.00	1.79	2.57	2.94	2.94	2.94
Notes Payable	1.04	0.74	2.88	2.19	4.95	7.85	8.08	0.94	0.51	0.52
A/P	0.58	0.46	1.46	1.36	2.50	2.48	4.19	4.33	3.56	3.08
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.18
Other	0.04	0.08	0.80	0.57	0.32	0.00	2.00	2.21	0.87	0.54
Total current liabilities	1.65	2.24	6.38	6.19	7.78	12.12	16.84	10.42	8.06	7.25
Conv. Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
L.T.Debt	9.78	11.36	8.18	8.11	8.29	0.89	0.54	0.41	0.28	0.14
Other LT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	2.14	2.20	2.17	2.25
Def. Taxes & ITC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.04
All Liabilities	11.43	13.60	14.63	14.29	17.56	14.80	19.59	13.10	10.56	9.69
Pref.Stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Common Stock	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Surplus	7.25	11.56	12.67	13.15	17.47	20.70	21.20	21.29	22.39	22.39
Retained Earnings	-8.66	-13.36	-15.85	-15.82	-16.32	-15.69	-19.28	-9.71	-9.56	-9.01
Other	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.14	-0.14	1.09	1.15	1.11	1.15
Treasury Stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Worth	-1.30	-1.79	-3.16	-2.65	1.03	4.89	3.04	12.75	13.97	14.56
Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	10.13	11.81	11.47	11.64	18.59	19.62	22.62	25.85	24.53	24.25

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows					
Fiscal Year Dec.31					2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	9 Months
Cash flow from operations:					
Net (Loss) Income	(0.87)	(4.70)	(2.49)	(3.20)	10.49
Depreciation & amortization		0.52	0.55	0.85	0.63
Amortization of goodwill & debt		0.06	0.08	0.08	0.02
Stock issued for services					
Stock based compensation		0.55	1.00	2.35	0.67
Impairment of PP&E					
Bad debt expense					0.85
Other		2.32	0.50	0.40	(14.91)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activites	**(0.87)**	**(1.26)**	**(0.36)**	**0.48**	**(2.25)**
Cash flow from investments:					
Purchase of PP&E		(0.40)	(0.15)	(0.21)	
Proceeds from disposal of PP&E				0.01	15.11
Other		0.03		0.11	(0.24)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	**0.00**	**(0.37)**	**(0.15)**	**(0.09)**	**14.87**
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock				0.18	
Proceeds (payment) on lines of credit, net		1.37	0.59	(0.77)	0.37
Proceeds from debt - related parties				0.42	
Proceeds fromo debt		2.13		0.45	
Payment on debt - related parties					
Payment on debt		(1.33)	(0.76)		(7.96)
Other		0.14	0.22	0.65	(0.04)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	**0.00**	**2.31**	**0.04**	**0.92**	**(7.62)**
Increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(0.87)	0.67	(0.46)	1.31	5.00
Cash & equivalents at beginning of period		0.07	0.74	0.28	1.60
Cash & equivalents at end of period	0.07	0.74	0.28	1.59	6.59

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