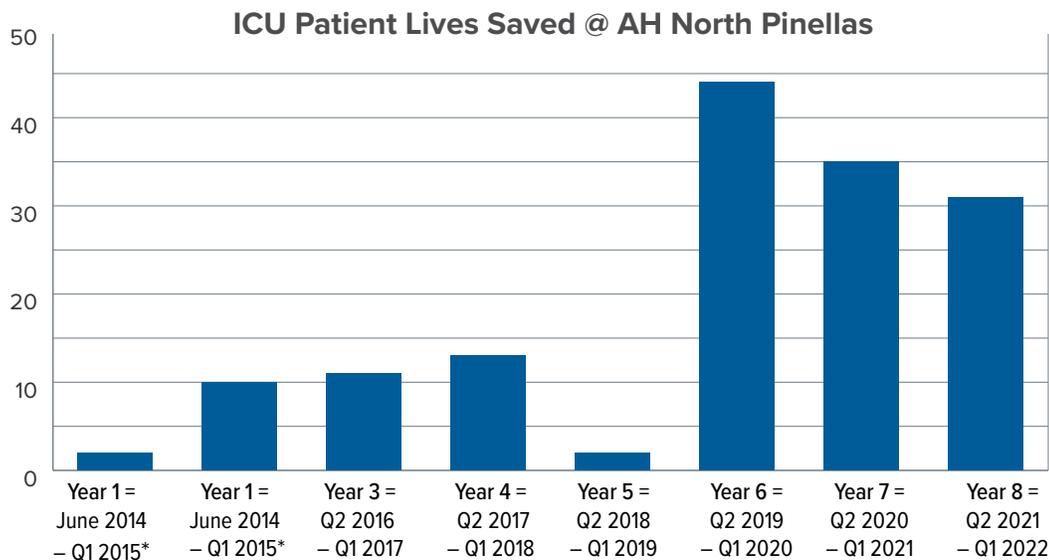


Saving Lives in Critically Ill Patients at AdventHealth North Pinellas

Patients who are placed in intensive care units (ICU) are among the most critically ill patients cared for in the hospital. They require intensive treatment and monitoring by the bedside team and the physician specialists and intensivists who care for them. **AdventHealth North Pinellas was one of the first hospitals in the West Florida Division to bring in an extra layer of care for critically ill ICU patients.**

In 2014 AdventHealth North Pinellas partnered with HicuityHealth, a company that provides 24/7 tele intensivist monitoring services for ICU patients. HicuityHealth augments the care by the local physicians and bedside staff, around the clock, 24/7. Vital signs and other clinical data are constantly available electronically to their specialists who watch over these patients with the ability to camera into their rooms and virtually look at monitors and even the patient to assess their needs, in real time. The bedside team can contact them with the press of a button or a phone call when there are urgent needs. The tele-medicine intensivist providers receive hospital privileges, just like the rest of our medical staff. This allows them to provide care for patients at AdventHealth North Pinellas, just like our other doctors. This means they can give orders for treatments and medication in minutes.

As some of the sickest patients in the hospital, sadly, some ICU patients will not recover. This is referred to as the expected mortality rate. HicuityHealth and AdventHealth North Pinellas track just how many of the ICU patients do recover when they were not predicted to do so. The below table shows **how many lives have been saved in the AH North Pinellas ICU since implementing this Tele medicine partnership**



* partial year

AdventHealth North is committed to bringing state-of-the art technology that supports best practice medicine to the local community.