

Park City Hospital Connects to Celebrities and Film Fans at Sundance Film Festival

App can be used to help get needed medical care during festival

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, January 18, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Many A-listers from Hollywood are expected at this year's Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. While the Festival attracts some of the biggest names in Hollywood, it also attracts roughly 50,000 fans from around the world who come for the movies, the parties, and the experience. And while many Festival attendees hope to see their favorite star at Sundance, few hope to see a doctor during their trip. Now, they might not have to.

Utah's <u>Intermountain Healthcare</u> recently launched the Intermountain Connect Care® app, which connects patients with medical providers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using their smartphone, computer or tablet.

"If a Hollywood celebrity comes down with cough or fever, or anyone attending the festival has a nonemergent medical need, they can receive treatment right from their hotel room, Main Street or even a theater," said Si Hutt, administrator at Intermountain Park City Hospital. "The app and an internet connection is all that's needed."

Hutt explained the app is especially valuable because of its 24/7 access. "Becoming ill or injured doesn't always happen at a convenient time. If an issue isn't life-threatening, but does require attention after hours, the hospital emergency room has traditionally been the only option. The Connect Care app helps prevent people from using the ER when they really don't need one."

Hutt added that providers can diagnose and treat a variety of conditions, such as coughs, colds, sinus pain, ear pain, allergies, painful urination, minor rashes or skin conditions, flu-like illnesses, minor musculoskeletal complaints, and gastrointestinal issues.

Connect Care is available on the app store at no charge. Visits are just \$49 and some insurance is accepted, though not required. Connect Care providers can prescribe medications and if the provider believes the patient needs to be seen in person or requires immediate attention, they will refer the patient for appropriate evaluation and treatment and will not charge for the Connect Care visit.

Connect Care can be accessed at <u>www.intermountainconnectcare.org</u> or by downloading the app for Apple or Android.

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