A collaborative effort between Wyoming Medical Center and a group of physicians has set the hospital’s neurosciences program on an exciting new course, making a special kind of care available to Wyomingites for the first time.

“We have already put together a strong neurosciences program for Wyoming,” says CEO Pam Fulks. “The next step is to integrate the program into a cohesive set of services that bring added value to patients.”

As a member of Voluntary Hospitals of America, WMC recently took advantage of the organization’s services to pinpoint the components necessary for such an endeavor. VHA consultants found that the hospital and the physicians involved have already cultivated those elements, including enthusiasm for developing the service line and a strong commitment to enhancing quality.

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Interventional neuroradiologist Dr. Boris Karaman finds this practice refreshing.

“In a lot of places (physicians are) competing for patients, or they don’t want to share their expertise. What I find at Wyoming Medical Center is the one overriding concern, the one question that everybody asks is, ‘What’s best for the patient?’” he says, adding that the lack of ego among his colleagues results in brief but detailed, technical discussions that answer that question and expedite treatment.

WMC administration and staff share the physicians’ philosophy, laying solid groundwork for providing patients with the continuous, coordinated care VHA envisions. “We are extremely pleased at the cooperative effort of these folks involved,” Fulks says. “Dr. Wheeler finds the partnership satisfying, as well. ‘Clinicians are the best able to creatively visualize how to deliver better services to our patients, while the hospital partnership maintains appropriate economic

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