

# Pharos Capital Group

Comprehensive Research Report

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# Executive Overview

## Pharos Capital Group LLC

- Healthcare-focused private equity firm
- Founded 1998 (26-year track record)
- \$1 billion Assets Under Management
- Physician-founded by Dr. Kneeland Youngblood
- Headquarters: Dallas, TX & Nashville, TN

# Company Profile

## Legal Information

- Legal Name: Pharos Capital Group LLC
- SEC Registration: CRD 316789 (Active)
- Federal Lobbying: Active registration
- Regulatory Status: Clean 26-year record

## Business Model

- Healthcare middle-market private equity
- Focus on underserved markets
- Mission: Lower costs, improve outcomes, expand access
- Investment thesis: Healthcare equity and efficiency

# Investment Metrics

## Portfolio Statistics

- Total Investments: 58 companies (1998-2024)
- Current Portfolio: 9 active companies
- Completed Exits: 12 transactions
- Exit Rate: 20.7%
- Fund Generations: 6 funds
- Average Deal Rate: 2.2 investments/year

# Leadership Profile

## Dr. Kneeland Youngblood

- Title: Founder & Managing Partner
- Age: 69 years
- Education: Princeton (B.A. Politics), UT Southwestern (M.D.)
- Background: Emergency medicine physician
- Forbes BLK50: Ranked #50 (2024)

## Medical Background

- Baylor University Medical Center
- Medical Center of Plano
- Transitioned to PE in 1998
- Unique physician-investor perspective

# Executive Team

## Key Personnel

- Bob Crants: Chief Investment Officer (Goldman Sachs)
- Kimberly Futrell: CFO/Chief Compliance Officer
- Total Team: 16 professionals
- Dual headquarters operation

# Historical Timeline

**1998** - Company founded by Dr. Youngblood

**1998-2022** - Built 58-company portfolio

**2022** - Invested in Renal Care 360

**2024** - Majority investment in RhythMedix

**December 2024** - Forbes BLK50 recognition

**2024-2025** - Successful SEC examination

**June 2025** - Milken Institute panel participation

# Recent Transactions

## Renal Care 360 (2022)

- Chronic kidney care management platform
- Focus on patient outcomes improvement
- Underserved patient populations

## RhythMedix (2024)

- Healthcare technology company
- Majority investment position
- Continued growth strategy execution



# Regulatory & Compliance

## SEC Performance

- 26-year clean compliance record
- No violations or fraud allegations
- Recent examination completed successfully
- 40-hour efficiency gain through AI adoption

## Technology Implementation

- Ontra AI-powered compliance platform
- 15 minutes vs 10 hours per fund request
- Industry-leading compliance efficiency

# Industry Recognition

## Forbes BLK50 (2024)

- Ranked #50 most powerful Black Americans
- Criteria: Social impact, business status, net worth
- Goldman Sachs, FDIC advisory input
- National business leadership recognition

## Milken Institute (2025)

- Healthcare policy panel participant
- "Private Equity and Patient Care" discussion
- Thought leadership in healthcare PE ethics
- Invite-only global conference participation

# Portfolio Composition

## Current Holdings

- 9 active healthcare companies
- Middle-market focus
- Geographic spread across underserved markets
- Sector concentration in healthcare services

## Investment Philosophy

- Cost reduction initiatives
- Patient outcome improvements
- Healthcare access expansion
- Underserved market specialization

# Financial Performance

## Fund Metrics

- \$1 billion total AUM
- 6 fund generations since 1998
- Consistent institutional investor support
- Upper middle-market positioning

## Portfolio Turnover

- 12 exits from 58 investments
- Long-term value creation approach
- Selective exit strategy
- Patient capital deployment

# Geographic Presence

## Headquarters

- Primary: Dallas, Texas
- Secondary: Nashville, Tennessee
- Regional focus strategy
- Underserved market expertise

## Investment Geography

- United States focus
- Emphasis on underserved regions
- Healthcare access priorities
- Regional market knowledge

# Operational Excellence

## Compliance Technology

- Ontra Insight platform user
- AI-powered side letter management
- Automated compliance workflows
- Industry best practices adoption

## Process Efficiency

- 40 hours saved in SEC exam
- 15-minute fund compliance requests
- Technology-enabled operations
- Continuous improvement culture

# Market Positioning

## Differentiation Factors

- Physician-founded heritage
- Medical expertise integration
- Underserved market focus
- 26-year track record
- ESG alignment

## Competitive Landscape

- Healthcare PE specialist
- Middle-market positioning
- Regional market expertise
- \$1B AUM scale

# Industry Networks

## Healthcare Policy

- Milken Institute participation
- Federal lobbying registration
- Policy thought leadership
- Regulatory engagement

## Professional Associations

- Princeton University alumni
- UT Southwestern Medical network
- Dallas business community
- Nashville healthcare ecosystem



# Public Recognition

## Media Coverage

- Forbes national recognition
- Industry publication features
- Transaction announcements
- Thought leadership articles

## Panel Participation

- Milken Institute Global Conference
- Healthcare PE ethics discussions
- Industry conference speaking
- Policy forum engagement

# Legal Activities

## ConocoPhillips Litigation

- \$900 million property claim
- Family oil-rich land rights
- Personal matter (not business)
- Ongoing legal proceedings

# Portfolio Examples

## Healthcare Services

- Chronic care management
- Healthcare technology
- Patient care platforms
- Cost reduction solutions

## Target Markets

- Underserved populations
- Regional healthcare systems
- Community-based care
- Access improvement initiatives

# Team Structure

## Investment Team

- Managing Partner leadership
- Chief Investment Officer
- Investment professionals
- Portfolio management

## Operations Team

- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Compliance Officer
- Administrative support
- Dual office coordination

# Technology Adoption

## Compliance Systems

- Ontra platform implementation
- AI-powered workflows
- Automated reporting
- Real-time monitoring

## Operational Technology

- Digital infrastructure
- Remote collaboration tools
- Data analytics capabilities
- Portfolio monitoring systems

# Regulatory Environment

## Healthcare PE Landscape

- Increased regulatory scrutiny
- Policy evolution ongoing
- Compliance requirements growing
- Industry best practices emerging

## Firm Positioning

- Proactive compliance approach
- Technology-enabled solutions
- Clean regulatory history
- Thought leadership participation

# Investment Approach

## Due Diligence Focus

- Healthcare expertise application
- Underserved market analysis
- Patient outcome metrics
- Cost reduction validation

## Value Creation

- Operational improvements
- Technology integration
- Market expansion
- Strategic partnerships

# Historical Performance

## 26-Year Track Record

- Consistent fund generations
- Institutional investor retention
- Portfolio company growth
- Exit execution capability

## Investment Pace

- Average 2.2 deals annually
- Selective approach
- Quality over quantity
- Patient capital deployment



# Current Market Position

## Industry Standing

- Established healthcare PE firm
- National recognition achieved
- Clean regulatory record
- Thought leadership position

## Scale & Resources

- \$1 billion AUM
- 16-person team
- Dual headquarters
- Technology infrastructure

# Research Sources

This report synthesizes data from:

- SEC regulatory filings
- Company materials
- Media coverage analysis
- Industry reports
- Public records
- Transaction databases
- Conference proceedings
- Technology case studies

**Total Sources Analyzed:** 14 verified primary sources

**Research Protocol:** MRP v4.0 Deep-Dive Analysis