

OREGON FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINIC CONSORTIUM

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION STATEMENT

The Oregon Free and Charitable Clinic Consortium (OFCCC) exists to support and strengthen the free and charitable clinics of Oregon through professional networking, advocacy, and education.

COVERAGE DOES NOT EQUAL ACCESS

Oregon continues to expand health insurance coverage for its residents, enabling many more Oregonians to enroll in state-sponsored health insurance. When the newly enrolled patients become covered, there may or may not be physicians that are part of the Medicaid network to see them or the local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may not be able to add patient capacity as quickly as needed.

Many of our free and charitable clinic patients experience 4-6 month wait times for new patient appointments once coverage has been obtained. When possible, OFCCC members support patients who need access to critical medications (ex. insulin) until the patient is established with an OHP provider.

Our patients have come to count on the time and care they receive at the free and charitable clinics. For non-English speakers with complex and chronic diseases, their tie to their clinic and provider makes these transitions to a new clinic and provider very challenging.

"Hands down the best job I ever had. It was fun. - Volunteer Physician"

2023 STATS*

Patients served

- Patient visits – 24,300+
- New patients served – 3,432
- Unique patients – 6,230

Languages

- Spanish is the most common
- English is the second
- There is a plethora of others

Common diagnoses

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Anxiety/depression

Volunteers:

- Clinical - 449
- Non-clinical - 698



"Before (volunteering in a free clinic), I had patients from all walks of life, but maybe not a real understanding of some of the challenges they face." Volunteer Physician



COLLABORATING TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND CARE

Volunteers have been part the history and story of this country since our inception and continue to be the backbone of the free clinics. OFCCC is a member of an Oregon State Nursing Board Ad Hoc Rules Advisory Committee to review and revise the licensing requirements for nurses emeritus – nurses who are retired and want to volunteer using their nursing skills and experience.

These same amazing retirees often step up in public health emergencies. And were a strong and important part of the front lines in providing COVID vaccines in communities throughout Oregon.

PHARMACY STRATEGIES

Each member of OFCCC works hard to assure their patients can access the prescriptions necessary. Examples include relationships with local pharmacies, on-site charitable clinics, Pharmacy Assistance Programs and Dispensary of Hope.

CLINIC NEWS -

Both Volunteers in Medicine – Cascades and La Clinica de Guadalupe are both celebrating BIG Anniversaries. La Clinica - 30 years and VIM-Cascades - 20 years. Congratulations to both!

Two clinics moved or remodeled their space -

Borland Free Clinic recently hosted their Open House to celebrate their newly remodeled space.

Clackamas Free Clinic relocated to space remodeled space on the Clackamas Community College campus and is providing care for students as well as learning opportunities for students in nursing and medical assistant programs.

.Clackamas Free Clinic's long serving Executive Director retired. We'll miss you Martha Spiers!



"I'm so impressed with how the community has come together to keep these patients out of the hospital, to provide them with the medical care that they need."
Volunteer physician

MORE INFORMATION?

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Oregon Free and Charitable Clinics*

Borland Free Clinic* – Stafford/Tualatin. www.borlandclinic.org
Caring Hands Worldwide* – OR via volunteer days in mobile clinics. www.caringhandsworldwide.org
Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine* – Clackamas County. www.clackamasvim.org
Community Outreach, Inc. – Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties. www.communityoutreachinc.org
Good News Community Health Center – Rockwood/East Multnomah County. www.goodnewschc.org
La Clinica De Neustra Senora de Guadalupe* – Salem. <https://guadalupeclinicsalem.org>
North by Northeast Community Health Center – Portland. www.nxneclinic.org
Salem Free Clinics* – Marion and Polk Counties. www.salemfreeclinics.org
Volunteers in Medicine – Cascades* – Bend, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook Counties. www.vim-cascades.org
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of Lane County* – Springfield and Lane County. www.vim-clinic.org

- Data included in this report reflect these clinics