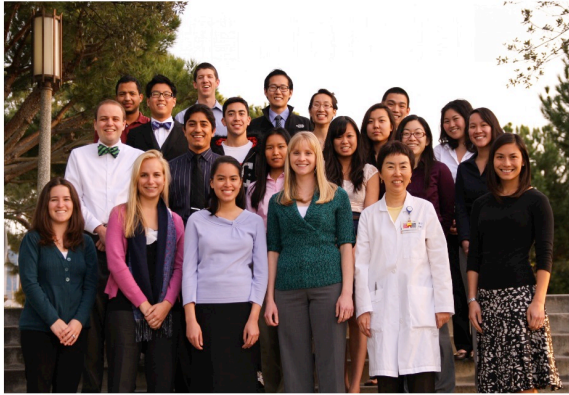




UC IRVINE OUTREACH CLINICS



Mission Statement

UC Irvine Outreach Clinics is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of individuals and families ineligible for or unable to access existing aid programs, while inspiring future health professionals to explore and understand community-based, patient-centered medical practice in a multidisciplinary environment.

Values

A commitment to provide responsible, ethical, and comprehensive care. We strive to promote the health and wellness of the community through dedication to advocacy, individual empowerment, and follow-up care.

Goals

Providing a higher standard of comprehensive medical and preventive care paired with medical education. In order to achieve these goals, UCIOC focuses on filling gaps in health coverage, increasing utilization of existing community resources, and promoting the health of our patients within the needs of the community. Students will develop an appreciation for community-based medicine and foster an understanding of the hardships of the uninsured in a setting of collaborative practice.

Services

Continuity of care through preventive medicine, specialty clinics, and management of chronic illnesses. These services include laboratory work-ups and imaging through local providers, prescription medications through patient assistance programs, health education, onsite social services, and referral services for specialists. In the future, we hope to expand our days of operation and increase our patient population.

Partnerships

Creating lasting foundations between UC Irvine students and the surrounding community. Immediate partners include medical, undergraduate, nursing, nurse practitioner, graduate, post-baccalaureate, and business students. Collaborations also include the departments of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, and Ophthalmology.

Our History

Over ten years ago, UC Irvine medical students began an education and health-screening clinic named Clinica Cariño. Students ran Clinica once a month in partnership with the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, serving the people in the downtown Santa Ana area. In 2006, in order to expand on these services, a dedicated group of students worked to create a clinic design in line with a student-run free clinic that would better serve the huge need of primary care services. This was known as the UC Irvine Student-Run Free Clinic Project. The clinic moved to its current home at the Village of Hope in Tustin and is now open weekly on Saturdays. Today it is known as the UC Irvine Outreach Clinics. With the support of UC Irvine School of Medicine administration and faculty, the clinic has grown into a primary care clinic where patients without any other means can receive high-quality care.

With time, our continued hope is to provide patients with dental and vision care, legal services, and mental health counseling to begin to close the gap in health care access in Orange County. We also want to expand our services and reach more of the underserved community outside of the immediate Santa Ana area. UCIOC is available to provide primary care services to low-income individuals while also allowing students to both educate and serve the community. Through the continued commitment of UCI students, in conjunction with UCI faculty and administrators, community groups, and businesses, substantial progress is being made toward making this comprehensive approach to patient care a reality.

Administration



UCIOC prides itself on the fact that it is a student-run clinic. The administrative hub consists of a clinic board committee made up of medical, nursing, and undergraduate students. The UCIOC board works closely with Dr. Emily Dow, a Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor in Family Medicine, who provides support, guidance, and her own volunteer services to UC Irvine Outreach Clinics.

Dr. Emily Dow

Health Sciences Clinical Professor and Medical Director of UCIOC,
Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine
MD - University of Cincinnati
Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Korean

Awards

The Dean's Faculty Award for Compassion, 2011
AAMC Humanism in Medicine Award, 2002, 2011
Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, UCI Associated Medical Students Association, 2011, 2009
Excellence in Teaching Award, UCI School of Medicine, 2004, 2005, 2006
Health and Human Rights Award, Doctors of the World, USA, 2006
Orange County Physician of Excellence, Orange County Medical Association, 2006
Outstanding Teacher of the Year, UCI Department of Family Medicine, 2001, 2007, 2010

Supporters

UC Irvine Administrators

UC Irvine School of Medicine Dean: Dr. Ralph Clayman
UC Irvine Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs: Dr. Gerald Maguire
PRIME Director and Professor of Family Medicine: Dr. Charles Vega
Director of the UCI Irvine Clinical Skills Center: Sue Ahearn, RN

Student Supporters

UC Irvine Medical Students
UC Irvine Graduate Students
UC Irvine Student Volunteers
UC Irvine Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Students

Orange County Rescue Mission

President, Jim Palmer
Hurtt Family Health Clinic