



Funding

The majority of funding for the Clinic is provided by grants and contributions from organizations and individuals. This includes voluntary contributions from patients. Montgomery County provides financial and pharmaceutical support in addition to rent-free space.

Donated laboratory, radiology and other medical services are key factors in providing quality medical care.

The Clinic also conducts a number of fund raising events throughout the year, including a golf tournament, to support its efforts.

How You Can Help

The Clinic consistently needs physicians, nurses, translators, receptionist and other volunteers of every skill in order to provide quality medical care. If you have some time and an interest in helping, please call (240) 773-0307.

Make a financial contribution

Your financial support is crucial to the mission of the Clinic. Please make checks payable to the Mercy Health Clinic and send it to:

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Contact Us

For more information, please call (240) 773-0300 or visit us online at www.mercyhealthclinic.org

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Quality Health Care from
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Community**



About the Clinic

The Mercy Health Clinic is an independent, nonprofit, nonsectarian, community-based primary health care provider serving the uninsured, low-income adult residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. The Clinic is committed to improving and expanding primary medical care and medical support services free of charge to eligible patients.

The Clinic is a volunteer organization staffed by licensed medical professionals that include primary care and specialty physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and behavioral health counselors. In addition to a small paid staff, the 125 plus volunteers also provide translation, administrative, accounting and IT services as well as the medical services.

The Clinic receives free laboratory and radiology support services from area hospitals and radiologists who partner with the Clinic. Additionally, critical and specialty care is provided on a case-by-case basis by volunteer surgeons, physicians and hospitals.

History

The lack of health insurance is a problem for many. In Montgomery County there are an estimated 75,000 uninsured residents. With that need in mind, a group of area residents established the Clinic in October 2000 as a way to help address the need by providing basic medical care in the underserved northern part of the County.

In addition to providing quality medical care to patients who cannot afford it on their own, the Clinic eases the burden on emergency rooms. Since opening, the Clinic has treated nearly 4,000 patients, with more than 25,000 patient visits.

New Facility

The Clinic relocated to a new, state-of-the-art facility in Gaithersburg in June 2007 to accommodate the demand for increase patient care. The Clinic doubled in size and includes nine examination rooms, a larger pharmacy and nurse's station, six offices, and a medical records room. Behavioral and dental health treatment will be provided at the Clinic facility by other County programs.

Patient Eligibility

Clinic services are available for uninsured adults who reside in Montgomery County, meet low-income guidelines, and are not eligible for government assisted health care.

In order to qualify, enrollees must demonstrate that they do not have personal assets, financial reserves or sufficient family resources to support their own medical care. Individuals interested in receiving medical care from the Clinic can call to obtain information about eligibility requirements.

Clinic Services

Aside from standard primary and preventive care visits in the Clinic, patients can also take advantage specialty clinics, health education programs, and off site referral services to specialists.

Specialty Clinics:

- Gynecology, Dermatology, ENT, Orthopedics, Urology, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, Endocrinology and Diabetes

Health Education Programs:

- Diabetes; Weight and Nutrition

Pharmacy Program: Treatments for patients usually includes pharmaceutical care, often at a high cost. Currently, over 90% of patients at the Clinic receive their medications free of charge.

The Clinic utilizes both generic and brand name drugs, and has received supplies through grants, pharmaceutical companies and a variety of other generous organizations. In addition the Carl Nordberg Pharmacy Fund serves as a primary source for purchasing drugs at volume discounts.

Language Program: To enhance communication with patients requiring language assistance when a translator is not available, a special telephone service is available to the physician, nurse and patient. The service includes 170 languages to ensure that all parties understand important details and questions about treatment.

Clinic Hours of Operation

By appointment only

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Specialty Clinics

Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

