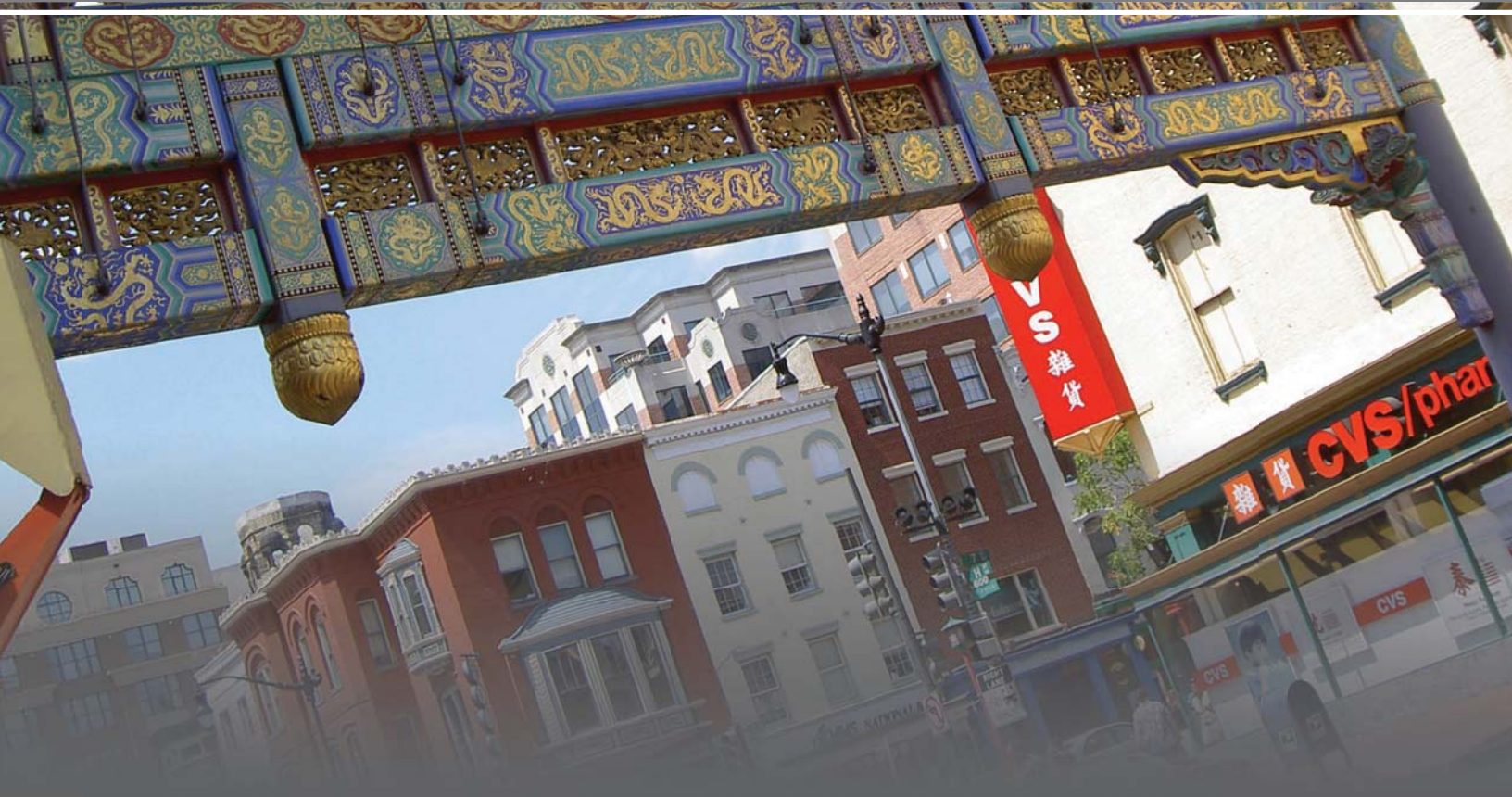




Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Community Health Clinics



Students at the Feinberg School of Medicine have a wealth of opportunities to volunteer and provide community service, helping to care for the underserved through a number of community clinics. Student organizations staff primary care and specialty clinics (cardiology, endocrinology, and psychiatry) in the various Chicago neighborhoods, working one-on-one with individuals with diverse needs, including Asian, Hispanic, and Polish patients, some of whom are immigrants.

In addition, the Feinberg School of Medicine's Department of Family and Community Medicine works through federally qualified health centers to coordinate and provide care and assistance to the uninsured and underserved, including those in Hispanic and African American communities, as well as individuals who are homeless. Physicians working in these community settings are all primarily Northwestern University faculty with research and teaching responsibilities. Feinberg students have the opportunity to rotate through these clinics, working side-by-side with community physicians.

Community Health Clinics

Student organizations volunteer in the following clinics:

The Chinatown Clinic

This clinic provides free primary medical care to an underserved mainly immigrant population. A team of volunteer physicians, nurses, medical students and translators address the needs of 15 to 30 patients in this weekly clinic. It is open Sunday from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. and is the sole provider of healthcare for most of its 1,700 patients.

The CommunityHealth Clinic (CHC)

CHC is a free outpatient medical clinic located on the west side of Chicago that has served primarily Hispanic and Polish populations since 1993. The clinic provides medical care to more than 6,000 uninsured and underserved patients a year. CHC treats patients Monday through Saturday mornings and has four evening clinics run by various Chicago area medical schools. The Northwestern clinic operates every Wednesday night. Specialty cardiology, endocrinology and psychiatry clinics also are run by students throughout the year.

Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation Clinic – “The Devon Clinic”

Working with community physicians, residents, and students from other Chicago medical schools, Feinberg medical students help provide care to uninsured and underserved patients. The clinic offers health care as well as preventive care and health education to a South Asian population. Physicians from the Indian American Medical

Association (IAMA), as well as nurses, technicians, translators and other volunteers, staff the clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., treating approximately 40 patients each Sunday.

New Life Volunteer Society Clinic (NLVS)

In collaboration with the IAMA Charitable Foundation, NLVS opened the free health clinic on Peterson Avenue in Chicago in late 2003. It operates each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., providing basic medical care as well as preventive services to the underserved and uninsured. The clinic started with only a few patients each week, but the population has grown to almost 25-30 patients weekly. The health clinic currently performs blood pressure tests, basic blood work (CBC, CMP, Lipids, HgbA1c, U/A), blood sugar tests, EKGs, and general physical exams. X-rays and ultrasound services are offered through an associated hospital. The clinic also provides free prescription samples, based on availability. If patients require further medical care, attending physicians can refer them to Chicagoland hospitals.

Clinics affiliated with the Department of Family and Community Medicine

Heartland Health Center

- Lincoln Square
- Rogers Park
- Senn High School
- Roosevelt High School

Heartland Health Outreach

- Lincoln Park



Erie Family Health Center

- West Town
- Humboldt Park
- Helping Hands
- Westside
- Henson

PPC Community Wellness Center

- Lake Street Family Health Center
- Austin Family Health Center
- Salud Family Health Center
- West Town Health Center
- South Family Health Center