

Free clinic in Kansas City is seeking volunteers for April 18

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Over 1,000 uninsured patients need medical care on Saturday April 18 2015 in Kansas City MO, and we need physicians like you and me to volunteer some time and help take care of them! Many of these patients haven't been able to see a doctor for several years.

Sign up as a volunteer *right now* at www.NAFC2015KCCare.com.

The National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, is returning to KCMO to sponsor a one-day free medical clinic for the uninsured at the Bartle Hall Convention Center, 301 W. 13th St. in Kansas City MO. The clinic will offer primary care, some specialty care, mental health services, point-of-care testing, connections to local resources, and health education.

I have personally volunteered at several of these temporary clinics. It's one thing to know that there are tens of millions of uninsured Americans; it's an entirely different thing to see over 1,000 of them gratefully lined up, desperately seeking care. It's a day that will change your perspective and leave you proud of how much you helped.

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer *right now*, go to www.NAFC2015KCCare.com.

Q. Is malpractice insurance covered by the event or do I have to extend my own coverage?

A. The NAFC has purchased occurrence-based \$3M/\$1M malpractice insurance for medical professionals. Proof of coverage is available on request now and will be available on-site at the clinic.

Q. My medical license is not from Missouri; can I get a temporary MO license?

A. We think this is very likely, but the process is not yet completed. Sign up as a volunteer now, and we'll keep you posted as the answer gets finalized.

Q. Will there be orientation for medical professionals?

A. There will be orientation for all medical professionals conducted by a physician and a nurse that have been a part of several previous CARE Clinics.

Q. Will equipment be available at the clinic?

A. The CARE Clinic will provide all the basic exam room items for your individual exam area (e.g., exam tables, chairs, blood pressure cuffs, otoscopes, ophthalmoscopes, stethoscopes, gloves, wound kits, etc.) If you have special equipment that you like to use please bring this with you to the event.

Q. Who follows up on lab tests from the clinic?

A. Only point-of-care testing is performed. You will not be expected to provide additional follow-up.

Q. How is transportation for the patient to the hospital (if necessary) paid?

A. The CARE Clinic will arrange and pay for patient transportation to the hospital.

Q. Should I limit my prescriptions to any specific formulary?

A. *The CARE Clinic does not allow any schedule 3 drugs prescribed.* Three-month supplies of a robust list of medications will be available for free through mail order for patients at the clinic. The CARE Clinic asks that, when possible, you prescribe from that free list, or for urgent prescriptions from a \$4 dollar pharmacy drug list. A copy of at least one of these drug lists will be available to you at the clinic.

Q. Where do I get more information?

A. **National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics**

Contact NAFC CARE@nafcclinics.org

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P.S. - Please volunteer for as much of the day as you can make yourself available; even one half-day shift would help a lot. We need you! And your nurses and students!

P.P.S . – here's a link to an article I wrote about this last year: <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/opinion/20100809weisbartnafc.html>