
Chinatown Health Promoter Program by the Institute of Clinical Bioethics at St. Joseph's University



The Institute of Clinical Bioethics (ICB) at Saint Joseph's University proudly launched its Chinatown Health Promoter program earlier this year. This initiative is dedicated to offering free medical care and supplies to all members of the community. The Chinatown Health Promoter is one of four health promoter programs established by ICB, with the first two targeting immigrants from Africa and Hispanic immigrants, respectively. Additionally, there is a mobile unit that travels to rural areas to provide healthcare services to underserved individuals in the community.

The primary objective of their health promoter programs is to assist undocumented and underserved populations who may not have access to healthcare through traditional means, either due to legal status or financial limitations. The clinics operate with the active participation of students, with student coordinators managing the events and other students volunteering on-site.

At every health promoter event, they offer a range of services to the attendees. The cornerstone of their program is providing free medical referrals to hospitals such as Mercy Fitzgerald, facilitated by dedicated medical residents who generously volunteer their time. The Chinatown Health Promoter stands out as the first program to incorporate physical and occupational therapy services, basic dental exams performed by dental professionals, cancer screenings provided by Penn Oncology, and psych referrals.



The Chinatown Health Promoter program is an important step towards bridging the healthcare gap in our community. By providing free medical services and collaborating with various healthcare professionals, we hope to improve the well-being of individuals who might otherwise face significant barriers to receiving care. We encourage all community members to take advantage of this program and spread the word to those who may benefit from its services.



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