

Update

marin community clinics



At A Glance

- Third largest health care provider in Marin, serving approximately 35,000 patients/year; almost 40% are children
- Nine clinics at six sites (medical, dental and teen)
- Pediatric, Family and Adult Medicine – primary care, obstetrics, women's health, behavioral health, and specialty care
- Pediatric and Adult Dentistry
- Patient Centered Health Home model, which focuses on the patient/clinician partnership
- Optometry, Radiology, Pharmacy, Lab, Chiropractics, and referrals to specialists
- Weekly Community Health Hubs/food pantries
- 340 staff, including doctors, dentists, nurses, and other clinicians
- Accept Medi-Cal, Medicare, uninsured on a sliding scale, Covered California, and other insurances
- Not-for-profit, supported by donations, foundations, and government reimbursement



Photo: Stuart Lirette

What a tremendous year it's been! In just the first eight months, we opened an additional clinic in Novato, expanded specialty care, and served hundreds of community members at our Health Hubs. All of this is made possible by our wonderful board and staff, generous donors, and many partners.

Linda Tavaszi
Linda Tavaszi, PhD, CEO

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Patient Care News

Expanded Novato Clinic Meets Growing Patient Demand

On August 10, donors and community leaders celebrated the opening of our expanded Novato Campus. We've received great reviews!

"Patients coming here receive top quality care, with all new equipment and dedicated staff. This is a magnificent addition to the community."

—Jim Preble, DDS

"The attention to detail is impeccable – everything was constructed with both patients and staff in mind."

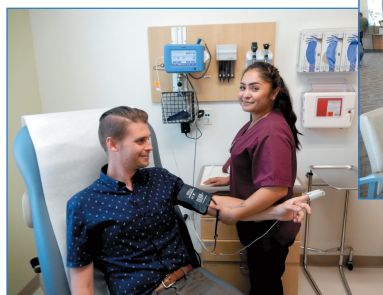
—Allison Moore, RN



Photo: Jocelyn Knight

Clinic Board Members cut the ribbon for the new Novato Clinic.

Photo: MCC Staff



Staff demonstrates the new Vital Monitor and flexible exam table.



Photo: MCC Staff

Lobby at 6090 Redwood Blvd.

To read more, visit www.marinclinic.org/IJ-Novato-Expansion

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Our Mission

To improve the health of our patients and community by providing high quality, cost-effective, culturally sensitive, patient-centered health care.

Patient Care News

Expanding Access to Care: Orthopedics

In April, the Clinics formed a contractual relationship with Marin's largest orthopedic group – **Mt. Tam Orthopedics and Spine Center**. All 14 of its providers are now working on a rotating basis to provide comprehensive specialty care at each of our clinics, seeing about 40-60 patients/month. This is an important step, as we have had a long-standing need for more community-based orthopedic and spine doctors to serve our patients.

The Mt. Tam team augments the wonderful care that has been provided by other community orthopedic specialists for many years, including physicians at **Marin Orthopedic and Sports Medicine** and **Prima Medical Group**, as well as a volunteer **Dr. Michael Star** (one of this year's Solstice honorees).

To read more about our relationship with Mt. Tam Orthopedics, visit www.marinclinic.org/expanding-care

Your Donations Ensure Our Future

Annual Solstice Event a Smashing Success!

Photo: Jocelyn Knight



(L to R) Honoree Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Linda Tavaszi, and 2016 Community Health Champions Tracey Hessel, MD and Michael Star, MD

On June 22, over 300 donors, supporters, and community leaders joined us in recognizing our 2016 Community Health Champions, Youth Honoree, and Marin County **Supervisor Steve Kinsey**. A big "thank you" to our sponsors and guests, who helped raise over \$102,000 to support patient care – the most we have ever raised at the event.

Visit www.marinclinic.org/summer-solstice to view the photo album.

Giving back to the World Community

This summer, six dental chairs will make their way from Marin Community Clinics to Tanzania - thanks to the connection between a local businessman and our Clinics. **Ahmed Issa**, a long-time San Rafael resident and an Honorary Counsel of Tanzania, owns a moving company that has worked for the Clinics.

Last year, Issa spent several weeks in Tanzania helping out at a hospital, where he saw a tremendous need for basic medical equipment. When he learned that we were planning to upgrade our dental equipment, he started the ball rolling. He picked up and stored the chairs; A Global Connection, a Bay Area non-profit, has arranged for shipment to Tanzania.

Visit us on line at www.marinclinics.org for the latest information and a convenient way to make your gift.



Ahmed and Sherry Issa with staff member Tony Goodin arrange for donation to Tanzania.



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Clinician Spotlight

Meet Erik Schten, MD

Photo: MCC Staff



Dr. Erik Schten

Fifteen years ago, **Dr. Erik Schten** joined Marin Community Clinics as a primary care physician serving adult patients. But he didn't stop there - he was appointed the Site Medical Director for our Novato Clinic,

became the organization's lead expert in skin diseases, and shared his special knowledge of geriatric medicine and epidemiology.

Passionate about his work with patients, he has a special interest in working with diverse international populations, sparked by living in Ethiopia and Colombia during his childhood.

Today, Dr. Schten serves as Site Medical Director of the 6100 Redwood Blvd. clinic.

"Dr. Schten epitomizes what Marin Community Clinics is all about," reports **Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH**, Chief Medical Officer. "He is a superb clinician, actively encourages patients to take responsibility for their health, and focuses on healthy lifestyles as the key to maintaining and regaining health."

Dr. Schten received his medical degree from Medical College of Wisconsin and completed his residency at the University of California (San Diego). He is conversant in Spanish.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Marin Community Clinics has been chosen Business of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Marin. The award will be presented at the Spirit of Marin event this fall.

We are very honored to receive this recognition.

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