

Update

marin community clinics



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Last year, we adopted the theme "Leveling the Playing Field in Health Care," a focus that has become increasingly important, given events at the national level. Marin Community Clinics is resolute in its commitment to ensuring high quality, accessible and affordable care for all of our patients—regardless of their language, ethnicity, orientation, immigration or socioeconomic status.

Your support is critical to our success, and we thank you!

Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH, CEO

At A Glance

- Third largest health care provider in Marin, serving over 34,000 patients/year; almost 40% are children
- Clinics in Larkspur, Novato, and San Rafael (medical, dental, and teen)
- Patient Centered Health Home model, which focuses on the patient/clinical team partnership
- Pediatric, Family and Adult Medicine – primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, family planning, behavioral health, and specialty care
- Pediatric and Adult Dentistry
- Optometry, Radiology, Pharmacy, Lab, Chiropractic, and referrals to specialists
- Weekly Community Health Hubs with fresh food pantries
- Over 471 staff, including doctors, dentists, nurses, and other clinicians
- Accepts Medi-Cal, Medicare, Covered California, and other insurances; patients without insurance receive sliding scale discounts
- Not-for-profit, supported by individuals, foundations, government grants, and public insurance reimbursement

Patient Care News

Smooth Transfer of County Dental Services

In February, the County of Marin transferred its specialty medical services to Marin Community Clinics—part of a phased plan that included the November 2017 transfer of dental services. Former County patients with TB, Hepatitis C and HIV are now being cared for at our San Rafael Campus Clinic. The transfer has gone very smoothly. To date, the patients we have served have expressed high satisfaction with the care they are receiving.

Mobile Unit Increases Access to Screenings/Care

An ambulance donated by the Southern Marin Fire District is now a fixture at the Clinics' Health Hubs in Novato and San Rafael. Every week, a nurse practitioner conducts an average of 40 hypertension and diabetes screenings out of the mobile unit.

"The mobile unit is a great way to educate community members about chronic conditions, connect them with the Clinics, and get them to needed care," reports **Jacqueline Jones**, Director of Medical Operations.



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Reducing the Opioid Epidemic

Marin Community Clinics has stepped up to join other Marin County organizations to address the widespread opioid addiction epidemic. A key goal is to reduce the usage of these powerful drugs, which have been widely employed to address pain control but are highly addictive.

Babak Ettekal, MD, San Rafael Clinic Site Medical Director, represents the Clinics on Rx Safe Marin (a countywide coalition) and leads our efforts to educate clinicians, develop practice guidelines, and provide patient classes/groups. Thus far, the results have been positive for both Clinics patients and the county as a whole. Since 2013, there has been a 41% decline in average narcotics prescription doses among Marin's Medi-Cal population.

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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.

Quality

Marin Community Clinics gets High Ratings



The Health Resources & Services Administration, which conducts routine site visits of federally-funded community clinics, recently gave the Clinics an exceptional review. Special “kudos” were given to our patient quality outcomes, including our hypertension and diabetes management.

In April, the Clinics received a \$1.37 million Quality Improvement Achievement award from Partnership HealthPlan of California, the insurance plan that serves low-income patients. The award ranks Marin Community Clinics among the top participating community clinics in Northern California.

Your Donations Ensure Our Future

Solstice Celebration a Success

This year's Summer Solstice Celebration, held June 20 at the Marin Art & Garden Center, honored Community Health Champions **Dr. Patrick Bennett, Susan Wiebers, and Barbara Cancilla** and was attended by over 200 supporters.

With your generosity, we raised \$151,163 (including our first-ever Fund-a-Need and live auction, which together raised over \$17,000). Proceeds will support patient care, including the Clinics' Charity Care Fund. Many thanks to our major sponsors: Marin Community Foundation, Sutter Health, and Nancy & Rich Robbins.



Sponsor Dr. Tom Peters (Marin Community Foundation) with Joe O'Hehir & Walter Kopp (L to R)



Honorees Patrick Bennett, MD, Susan Wiebers & Barbara Cancilla with Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH (L to R)



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Visit www.marinclinics.org/2018-summer-solstice for event photos.

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Community

Supporting Reproductive Health Access

We are proud to support Essential Access Health's 50th Anniversary Celebration, to be held in San Francisco on September 12 and featuring former US Senator Barbara Boxer.

Founded to expand the availability of family planning services, Essential Access Health is grounded in the belief that the ability to make informed choices is essential for individual and community health and equity. It grants federal family planning funds and provides training to organizations such as ours. We have been a grantee for several years and thank them for their support and continued efforts to expand access, promote quality, train the health care workforce, and advance clinical research.

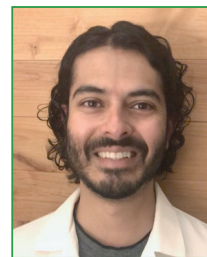
For more information about the event, visit www.essentialaccess.org.

Clinician Spotlight

Meet Ninad Athale, MD

The Clinics has hired its first addiction medicine specialist, **Ninad Athale, MD.**

A Family Medicine physician with special certification in addiction medicine, he is working with chronic pain patients to help them overcome their struggles with opioid use. Also, he is teaming up with a Clinics' social worker to provide pain management support to providers and patients, create treatment protocols, and coordinate with community groups.



Making a Difference in People's Lives

"There is a big overlap between family medicine and treating patients with mental illness, addiction, or chronic pain," he explains. "Marin Community Clinics provides a great opportunity to make a difference in people's lives."

While at Olé Health, a community clinic based in Napa, Dr. Athale worked closely with Napa County's department of mental health, alcohol, and drug services, and was eventually appointed its medical director.

He completed his medical education at UC San Diego and a psychiatry fellowship at UC Davis.

"Dr. Athale is an extraordinary physician with innovative practices and tremendous experience," reports Jose Chibras, MD, Chief Medical Officer. "We are fortunate to have him on the team."

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