

# Welcome to the sixth volume of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*

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Welcome to the sixth volume of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*, a peer-reviewed, open-access journal that serves as a platform for sharing the critical thought and humanistic values of medical students and

free clinic volunteers. Our publication continues to further our exciting mission of recording the activities, reflections, and innovations in the longstanding tradition of free clinics and presenting these ideas in an approachable way.

In this year's issue of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*, we tell the story of humanism and service through the eyes of medical student volunteers across the country, as well as internationally. In light of the pandemic, we have included a variety of topical pieces related to COVID-19 and how it has disrupted the free clinic space, but we also share a variety of wonderful articles about racial justice, interprofessional education, and a health education initiative using social media. Through our collection of articles, I hope that you can appreciate the common feelings and sentiments that connect us all and see the evolution currently taking place in free clinic practices.

I strongly encourage you to read through the personal experiences and insight of medical students in various stages of their journeys and highly recommend reading any of the original pieces we have showcased in this issue.

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Lastly, I encourage your comments and feedback, as we continue to aspire to bring you the best of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*.

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