

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

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Welcome to the **seventh** volume of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*, a peer-reviewed, open-access journal that serves as a platform for sharing thought-provoking and humanistic ideals of medical students and volunteers in student-run free clinics. Student-run free clinics offer invaluable opportunities for students to contribute



to local underserved communities. Our journal furthers this mission by sharing innovative ideas and advancements that can be implemented universally in a comprehensive manner.

In this year's volume of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*, we reflect on the past few years and the service-driven efforts of medical student volunteers across the country. We share a diverse selection of articles highlighting personal reflections over COVID-19, improvements in clinical procedures and protocols, implementation of telehealth in free clinics, and analysis of healthcare access in vulnerable populations. These articles tell the stories of the ever-changing nature of medicine and service.

They also showcase the ways in which students and free clinics have adapted to accommodate health care in this new era of virtual medicine. We hope you are able to appreciate the ways that students have been working to improve how healthcare is delivered to underserved populations.

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As the editors of this journal, we are honored to highlight the efforts of volunteers around the country to provide quality care to their local communities, and we hope to inspire readers to participate in student-run free clinics. We encourage any feedback and comments and hope you enjoy this volume of the *Free Clinic Research Collective*.