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2018 CONFERENCE UPDATES:

The 2018 Conference is fast approaching! This newsletter contains information that will help as you plan your travels. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask!

We will be sending out more information about specific events in the next month.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Where: University of Nebraska Medical Center

When: February 24th & 25th 2018

Registration is **OPEN!! [Click here to register!](#)**



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Tentative Schedule of Events:

Saturday, February 24th

8:00-10:00 – Registration

10:00-10:30 – Welcome

10:30-11:30 – Poster Session 1

11:30-1:00 – Lunch with Keynote Speaker

1:00-2:00 – Oral Presentations

2:00-3:00 – Workshops/Panels

3:00-4:00 – Poster session 2 with refreshments!

4:00-5:00 – SSRFC Committee Elections

7:30-? – Social Event

Sunday, February 25th

7:30-8:00 – Breakfast

8:00-9:00 – Poster session 3

9:00-10:00 – Oral Presentations

10:00-11:00 – Workshops/Panels

11:00-12:00 – Poster session 4

12:00-12:30 – Wrap-up

Discounted Hotels to consider:

[Hampton Inn & Suites Omaha-Downtown](#)

[Homewood Suites by Hilton Omaha-Downtown](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Downtown/Old Market Area](#)

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Omaha Downtown Old Market](#)

Interested in serving the SSRFC operating committee?

We will be holding nominations and elections during the conference. Consider any of the positions below and be a part of SSRFC!

National Coordinator

National Coordinator-elect

Conference Coordinator

Conference Coordinator-elect

Finance Chair

Finance Chair Elect

Publications Chair

Communications Chair

Research Chair

Webmaster

Technology Chair

Forms for nominations for positions and approved voters will be released

January 23rd 2018

Clinic Spotlight:

The Lotus Wellness Center Clinic (LWCC) of the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

The Mitchell Wolfson Sr. Department of Community Service (DOCS) at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine is a student-run organization that provides free health services to patients in South Florida. A ten-minute drive from the medical campus, the Lotus House Women's Shelter provides transitional housing and wrap-around resources for women, their children and LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness. The Lotus Wellness Center Clinic (LWCC) is a collaborative effort between DOCS and the Lotus House Women's Shelter.



Managed by a small team of medical students, LWCC provides health screenings, basic labs, and health education to Lotus House guests and uninsured women in the local community.

This year, the primary goal of the LWCC student leaders is to strengthen the model of wrap-around care that the shelter provides women. New projects include transgender and psychiatry specialty clinic nights, partnerships with local non-profits to refer uninsured patients, and interactive health education sessions centering on patients' autonomy in healthcare.

This October, the LWCC started two quality improvement studies focused on enhancing patient care. One study addresses patient experiences of intimate partner violence, and the other compares patient and student volunteer health topic priorities during a clinic visit. The LWCC team will soon host a Menstrual Hygiene Product Drive on the medical campus to highlight the additional challenges that people experiencing homelessness face while menstruating.

The Lotus House Women's Shelter is currently expanding its campus to include a comprehensive day clinic that will serve men, women and children. Once the expansion is complete, the LWCC hopes to contribute to a new children's health center and offer monthly men's health initiatives.



The Unity Project: Fostering Authentic and Impactful Relationships in Camden, NJ

Last spring, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine's free student run clinic, the Camden Community Health Center (CCHC), found that despite having been in Camden, NJ for over 15 years, numerous organizations with the same goals and missions were unaware of our existence. In addition, there was a similar disconnect among these organizations themselves. In response, the CCHC launched an initiative aimed at fostering relationships with Camden organizations to not only educate community members on our services but also to collaborate with them on improving Camden's health. This initiative was appropriately titled the Unity Project. In order to build authentic and impactful relationships, we devised a new approach called the 'Ask First' model. Rather than offering suggestions, we first ask what the need is. This change in dialogue enables organizations to describe their challenges and in turn, we can offer services that are actually helpful rather than simply 'feel good'. The Unity Project is currently partnered with 13 organizations and has collaborated with our members to offer a series of unique services. In addition, we also coordinate a bi-monthly newsletter that includes each organization's flyer and highlights any special services being offered so there is a handy list of resources to best service the needs of clients.

Furthermore, the CCHC research team is investigating the effectiveness of the educational classes offered by the Unity Project by assessing the pre- and post-confidence levels of non-medically trained homeless shelter staff in identifying and responding to emergencies. Although shelter staff are the people the homeless most frequently see, they are neither medically trained nor have access to healthcare professionals. We are excited to continue forming relationships and expanding our outreach through the 'Ask First' model.

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<http://studentrunfreeclinics.org>

Article of the Month:

Patient education is the key to preventative medicine. SRFC are a prime location to begin the journey of health education. This article examines the value of education programs and the difficulties SRFCs can experience while trying to implement them.

Student-led health education programmes in the waiting room of a free clinic for uninsured patients

TED Talks:

No one should die because they live too far from a doctor

Dr. Raj Panjabi