

The MedWorks Team Does it Again!

Thanks in large part to the medical volunteer team, MedWorks has once again hosted a successful medical clinic. Founded 16 months ago to help serve the medically disenfranchised, MedWorks most recently teamed up with a Cleveland-based Federally Qualified Health Center, NEON Health Services, Inc, to provide more than 2300 appointments and services to approximately 825 individuals across Northeast Ohio and beyond.

That represents a 15% increase in the number of services, as compared to the previous clinic held in May 2010. Not counting women's health, approximately 800 people received care by a primary care provider or specialist (including cardiologists, urologists, ENT specialists, podiatrists, rheumatologists, orthopedists, dermatologists, and others). The women's health department saw more than 300 women, compared to 180 at the previous clinic. Of those 300 women, 160 had pap tests and approximately 100 had mammograms as part of the clinic. Approximately 325 individuals had a dental appointment. More than 70 x-rays were performed and the laboratory conducted 260 blood and urine tests. Radiology and lab results were reported within 20 minutes and doctors had an opportunity to review findings with patients. Almost 200 people were HIV tested and now know their HIV status. Ninety-four people underwent hearing testing. More than 500 drug prescriptions were filled and individuals walked out with re-fill prescriptions, if indicated. For the first time, flu vaccines were offered and 275 people were vaccinated.

Each person at the clinic met with a social worker just prior to discharge to discuss clinic findings, answer questions, and begin to help patients connect with follow-up care. Representatives from hospital system and other community health center financial assistance programs met with clinic patients to begin discussing eligibility criteria for charity care programs. NEON made follow-up appointments for medical and dental care for more than 500 individuals who participated at the clinic. Those individuals will now have a place they can call their medical home.



Left to right – Drs. Tommaso Falcone, Laura David, Tia Melton and Diane Young spend a moment with two student nurses at the event.

The backbone of the program is the 1300 medical volunteers that are part of the MedWorks database. Of those, approximately 410 are physicians, 110 dentists, 170 dental assistants, hygienists and students; 70 optometrists and opticians; 80 social workers; 500 nurses, physicians' assistants, medical assistants and technicians; and 6 pharmacists.

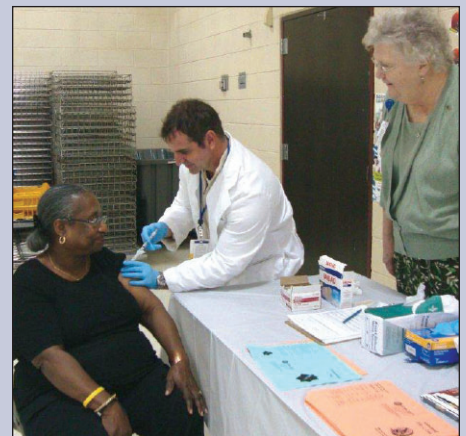
MedWorks considers The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) a great supporter and is grateful to partner with the organization. In addition to the countless AMCNO physician volunteers, MedWorks is extremely proud to have a special relationship with AMCNO's current president, Dr. Laura David. Dr. David serves on the MedWorks Board and heads the women's health operations. Under her guidance and dedication, approximately 600 women who may not have had recourse have been served! ■

AMCNO Hosts "Vote and Vaccinate" Program on Election Day

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio (AMCNO) hosted its eleventh annual "Vote and Vaccinate" program on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The Vote and Vaccinate program offers pneumonia and influenza vaccinations to the public at voting locations across the region on Election Day. Vote and Vaccinate is a parallel program to the voting process and is not connected in any way with the Board of Elections.

The AMCNO was pleased to have participation again this year from our program sponsors: the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Cleveland Department of Health, Parma Community General Hospital and Saint Vincent Charity Hospital. The AMCNO expresses its sincere gratitude to site staff who participated in this worthwhile program at Parma South Presbyterian Church, Parma Heights Baptist Church, Ridgewood United Methodist Church, North Royalton United Methodist Church, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and Marion Sterling School.

The AMCNO plans to host this community event again in 2011. If your group or hospital is interested in participating with the AMCNO as a co-sponsor or host a site, please contact the AMCNO offices at (216) 520.1000.



A volunteer from St. Vincent Charity Hospital administers a flu vaccine to the assistant to Sr. Mary Ann Mozser, (far right) Vice President of Mission and Ministry at St. Vincent Charity.

To Do:

ATTENTION AMCNO MEMBERS

Is your listing accurate?

It's time again! Let us know of any changes to your listing for the forthcoming 2011-2012 edition of The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio's **Member Directory & Community Health Resource Guide**.

Report changes to the AMCNO office, (216) 520-1000, or fax, (216) 520-0999. **Deadline: April 15.** Look for the new directory in late spring.