

NURSING AND MEDICINE: PARTNERS IN RETAIL HEALTH CARE

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Partnership

- Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM) and the College of Nursing & Health Professions (CHNP)
- Ownership arrangement between DUCOM and CHNP is a partnership with 65% DUCOM and 35% CHNP respectively

Partnership

- DUCOM
 - Consolidation of Hahnemann Medical College and Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania
 - Largest private medical school in the nation with over 1,000 medical students
 - Clinical practice – Drexel University Physicians

Partnership

- CNHP
 - Originates from Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing and Woman's Medical College School of Nursing
 - Over 3000 nursing and health profession students
 - 150 full-time faculty
 - 16 NP faculty
 - 500 adjunct faculty

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Convenient Care Center Mission

- To provide high-quality, walk-in health care services for patients in a retail setting with extended hours in Center City.
- To provide patients with express access to primary care physicians and Drexel specialists.
- To provide nurse practitioner (NP) faculty with a clinical practice site with flexible hours to accommodate their teaching schedules.
- To provide nurse practitioner students with a clinical practice site.

CNHP Faculty Practice Model

- Undergraduate and graduate faculty are provided with one day a week (20%) for clinical practice
- Clinical practice income is additional income for the faculty
- Four CHNP NP faculty are currently practicing the Convenient Care Center. Two additional faculty are in the process of being credentialed.

CNHP Faculty Practice Model

- Nurse Practitioner Programs
 - Women's Health
 - Adult Acute Care
 - Psychiatric Mental Health
 - Pediatric
 - Family

Introduction to Convenient Care Clinics

- Qualified Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
- Insured, underinsured, and uninsured patients
- Dearth of Primary Care Physicians

Introduction to Convenient Care Clinics

- Episodic, common ailments
 - Sore throat, cold and flu symptoms, sinus infection
- Privately held, health systems, non-profit organizations
 - Walgreens – Take Care Clinic
 - CVS – Minute Clinic

Drexel Medicine Convenient Care Center Model

- Academic Affiliation
- Center City location
- Medical Director (DUCOM) and Chief NP Operating Officer (CNHP)
- Nurse Practitioners - Lead NP, NP faculty, NP's
- Office Manager – Concierge service



Drexel Medicine Convenient Care Center Model

- Three exam rooms
- Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Patients 18 and older
- Generic non-narcotic drugs on site for purchase
- Nominal Fee



Benefits of a Faculty Practice site for NP Faculty

- Opportunity to practice four to eight hour shifts to meeting their teaching requirements
- Research site for evidence-based practice
 - Quality initiatives
 - Test interventions
 - Support for effectiveness of NP practice

Future Possibilities

- Co-Op site for undergraduate students for multiple disciplines
- Recruit future NP faculty
- Hire graduating Drexel FNP students
- Student Health

QUESTIONS ??

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