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Creating a sustainable immunization program for the underserved.

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Abstract

Background

Bridges Collaborative Care Clinic (BCCC) is Oregon's first multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary student-run free clinic. BCCC's mission is to engage vulnerable populations by providing low-barrier, participant-centered care and services in the Portland metro area through an interprofessional, student-led clinic. As an interprofessional collaboration, BCCC engages students from public health, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, physician assistant, and social work programs.

Methods

An immunization program created collaboratively between medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students was designed to integrate interprofessional students in community-based infectious disease prevention. This project follows the Oregon State House Bill 2220 that adds the prescription and administration of vaccines into a dentist's scope of practice.

Community partners included Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Transition Projects, Inc. (TPI). TPI provides housing and social services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Portland metro area.

Results

Number of students from each program

Number of vaccines provided

Discussion

This illustrates how the different health professions educational programs contribute to an interprofessional clinic and public health interventions

Importance of early educational experiences in response to changes in healthcare professions' scope of practice.

