



RCMI CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH

»» MOBILE FREE PHARMACY

The Mobile Pharmacy giveaway on April 5th at the River Church in Durham was a resounding success! NC Med Assist received over 400 pre-orders for free over the counter medications. These medications included eye drops, multivitamins, aspirin, sunscreen, and digestive aids.

Over 15 community organizations attended and provided information on their services and events to over 150 attendees. PBERN CEC and Pfizer shared an educational table with information on various health topics.

NCCU audiology students and faculty provided over 40 hearing and cognitive screenings for adults and children. If attendees completed a screening, they received either a t-shirt, water bottle, or a pill box. By continuing to participate in the Mobile Pharmacy events, we are fulfilling our goal of engaging our diverse communities and addressing their health disparities.



»» WOMENS HEALTH AWARENESS CONFERENCE

At the recent 10th Annual Women's Health Awareness Conference, our booth was a hub of activity. We were excited to engage with attendees through health screenings and education initiatives. With the invaluable assistance of nursing students and faculty, we conducted comprehensive health screenings covering vital aspects such as cholesterol levels, blood pressure assessments, and body composition analysis.

We were able to make a meaningful contribution to raising awareness about women's health issues and empowering attendees to take proactive steps towards improving their well-being.



RCMI Conference - NCCU TEAM - Dr. Pilkington, Dr. Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Cheng, Dr. Sivaraman, Dr. Oryenwoke, Dr. Paulin, Dr. Harrington, Dr. Kumar, Dr. Moore, Dr. Alberico, Ms. Ruby, Ms. Friedkin and Dr. Zhang.

»» DELTA SIGMA THETA COMMUNITY DAY

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently held their 12th annual Community Day at the West Charlotte Recreation Center. This dynamic event aimed to raise awareness about mental health issues and promote physical activity. Attendees enjoyed fitness demonstrations, music, and line dancing, while also having the opportunity to donate blood and receive free dental and physical screenings.

PBERN CEC had a table providing health and community information, including behavioral health services, and distributed swag items like t-shirts and water bottles. Volunteers from Delta Sigma Theta also distributed free produce funded by PBERN. The event facilitated meaningful conversations about mental health and self-care, fostering new relationships and providing resources to over 100 attendees.

»» FIRST LADY'S WALK AND HEALTH FAIR

The 27th Annual First Lady's Walk and Health Fair, held on April 27, 2024, was a success with 120 attendees! The focus of this year's event was on nurturing a holistic approach to health, emphasizing the importance of a healthy mind, body, and life.

Attendees engaged in enlightening discussions surrounding healthy weight and blood pressure management and control. In addition to promoting physical health, we were delighted to introduce many students and community members to the Pfizer clinical research fellowship opportunity.



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The RCMI Conference held in Bethesda, Maryland, saw North Carolina Central University (NCCU) demonstrate its commitment to advancing health equity and inclusion. From April 28th to May 1st, NCCU researchers showcased cutting-edge insights and initiatives aimed at addressing disparities in healthcare and promoting diversity in science.

Dr. Vijay Sivaraman shed light on the impact of particulate matter in the air on health disparities, while Dr. Cherise Harrington highlighted contributions to the RCMI Program at NCCU.

Dr. Deepak Kumar's presentation on the NCCU Practice-Based Equity Research Network (PBERN) underscored the university's dedication to translating research into actionable solutions through strategic collaborations and partnerships, thereby shaping the future of health disparities research.

Dr. Claudia Alberico offered practical insights into managing RCMI administrative cores. Her presentation, "Checklists for Cores and Projects," provided actionable strategies for maximizing efficiency and ensuring smooth operations.

Dr. Tianduo Zhang's poster delved into the nuanced dynamics of HIV prevention on HBCU campuses in North Carolina. Dr. Zhang explored the interplay between health literacy, hookup culture, and information-seeking behavior, providing invaluable insights for tailored prevention strategies.

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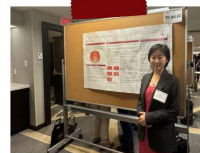
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COMING SOON

- 05/10 - Mobile Free Pharmacy - Henderson, NC.
- 05/08 - Building Capacity for Healthy Equity Symposium - NCCU
- 05/09 - Cultivating a Community Response for Opioid Use Disorder - NCCU
- 05/14 - Mother's Day Program - Tillery, NC.
- 05/31 - Mobile Free Pharmacy - Warrenton, NC.
- 06/01- 2024 Men's Health Screening - Durham, NC.



For further information regarding event specifics such as location and hours, please refer to our virtual calendar.

We invite you to connect with us and share your updates, ideas, faculty publications and ongoing research endeavors. Your insights are invaluable to us as we strive to keep our community informed and engaged. Reach out to us today and let's collaborate!



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