



Dr. Deepak Kumar, Dr. Kevonne Holloway, Ms. Ylann Schemm and Dr. Claudia Alberico at the Healthy Equity Symposium.



Dr. Prema Menezes at the Healthy Equity Symposium.

»» BUILDING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

On May 8th, the Implementation Science Education and Training Program (ISET) at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) hosted a Health Equity Symposium. Dr. Deepak Kumar and Dr. Claudia Alberico, alongside NCCU researchers and collaborators from the Research Triangle, showcased remarkable efforts in translating research into practical solutions. The generous support from The Elsevier Foundation over the past three years has been instrumental in advancing this critical work.

The symposium featured distinguished speakers from NCCU, Elsevier Foundation, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University, fostering insightful discussions and networking opportunities. Dr. Claudia Alberico is the Program Manager for ISET and adeptly orchestrated the event, ensuring its success.

These collaborative endeavors underscore a shared commitment to understanding and addressing the healthcare needs of underserved communities. Through partnerships and knowledge exchange, we strive to build trust and deliver equitable healthcare solutions for all.



»» MOBILE FREE PHARMACY - HENDERSON - NC

The Mobile Pharmacy giveaway on May 10 from 9am-2pm at the Clearview Church in Henderson was a resounding success! NC Med Assist received over 490 pre-orders for free over the counter medications.

The Practice-Based Equity Research Network's Community Engagement Core (PBERN CEC) had an educational table and provided health screenings to 20 attendees and staff. They had the option to receive cholesterol and glucose testing and blood pressure, weight, and BMI assessments. If attendees completed a screening, they received either a t-shirt, first aid kit, or a pill box. All were thankful that we were providing assessments and that they could receive their results in a few minutes. They encouraged us to continue to provide these services for the community.

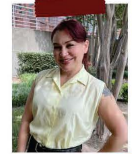
By participating in the NC Med Assist events, the PBERN CEC is actively addressing health disparities and fostering healthier communities. Our work will contribute to the improvement of our community's health.

»» 2024 MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2nd Annual Conference for Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) was a dynamic gathering focused on collaborative solutions to address opioid use disorder. Attendees benefited from informative education sessions covering medication-assisted treatment (MAT) essentials and breakout discussions that encouraged peer learning and innovation. Mica González orchestrated logistics, ensuring a valuable and engaging conference experience for all attendees.

Thought-provoking panels and inspiring keynote speakers emphasized the importance of reducing stigma, overcoming treatment barriers, and fostering recovery in diverse communities. Networking opportunities facilitated resource-sharing and community building, strengthening the collective commitment to improving outcomes for those affected by opioid use disorder.

Overall, the MOUD conference served as a platform for advancing addiction medicine and strengthening the collective response to opioid use disorder. By fostering collaboration, providing education and training, and promoting dialogue and innovation, the conference aimed to drive positive change and improve outcomes for individuals affected by opioid use disorder.



»» MOBILE FREE PHARMACY - WARRENTON, NC

On May 31, Aaron Moore and Chandra Jennings from PBERN CEC, along with students and staff from the Department of Nursing, participated in an NC MedAssist event in Warrenton, NC. NC MedAssist is dedicated to providing free over-the-counter medications to community members throughout the state.

Our team conducted health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and A1c levels. Nursing students, guided by their faculty instructors, gained valuable hands-on experience in community medicine and patient counseling. Together, we successfully screened approximately ___ participants.

In addition to the screenings, we distributed health education materials and NCCU swag to all attendees. The event was a tremendous success, benefiting the community and offering our students practical learning opportunities.



COMING SOON

- 06/04 - Halifax County Tour
- 06/14 - Mobile Free Pharmacy - Gaston County, NC.
- 06/18 - Father's Day program - Tillery, NC.
- 06/21 - Health Fair - Halifax
- 06/22 - Health Fair - Henderson
- 06/22 - Juneteenth Celebration for the Concord chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
- 06/28 - Mobile Free Pharmacy - Lillington, NC



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

»» MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

The 2024 Men's Health Screening event at Lincoln Community Health Center, in collaboration with Duke Cancer Institute and Duke Primary Care, aimed to enhance men's health in our community. Held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the event saw about 120 participants.

Partnering with Duke University, we provided health education and free swag to about 50 attendees. Overall, 120 men took advantage of the free health screenings, which included blood pressure checks, colon cancer screenings, diabetes risk assessments, prostate cancer screenings, and tobacco cessation counseling, including vaping.

Additional services such as skin cancer screenings and nutrition/healthy eating counseling were also available based on availability. Participants were free to complete as many screenings as they wished, with no appointments necessary. This annual event continues to play a vital role in promoting men's health in the community.



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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