

# Collaborative Community Health Education: The Amaus Clinic Experience

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# The Background

- > 45 million uninsured
- Poor and near-poor have the greatest risk of being uninsured
- Increasing number of uninsured middle class
- The uninsured are at an increased risk for multiple social problems

# The Impact of Medical Indigence

- Defined as the debilitating cyclic effects of poverty, uninsured status, inhibited access to health care and poor health
- Clearly damages the dignity of individuals
- Impinges upon a fundamental aspect of several theological and philosophical systems of thought

# The Justification

- Access to quality healthcare is a key variable in addressing destitution

# Amaus

- Amaus Health Services at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was opened on July 2, 2007
- Multifaceted approach to health care delivery
- Housed in the same location as the Cathedral Emergency Services

# Innovative Concept

- Faculty operated
- Involvement of multiple institutions
- Inclusion of theory application, skill enhancement, and social and political awareness

# Added Benefits

- Collaboration with faculty
- Integrated practice
- Respect for other disciplines
- Increased awareness of needs of the underserved

# Support of Classroom Curricula

- Cultural competence
- Advancing awareness of U.S health objectives
- Support of mission

# The Outcome

- Over 400 patient visits in the first year of service
- Students from three local colleges working and learning together
- Overwhelmingly positive student evaluations of the "Amaus Experience"

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