

Holy Name Medical Center expecting 1,000 Asians at 8th Annual Health Festival

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TEANECK, N.J. — More than 1,000 uninsured Asian residents will be at Holy Name Medical Center on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 to get results of blood tests, meet with physicians and undergo additional screenings as part of the Medical Center's 8th annual health festival, organized through the hospital's Asian Health Services.

Most of the participants had their blood drawn last weekend and will be able to meet with specialists to review specific health concerns.

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The health festival is held at Holy Name's Marian Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The blood work tested for 35 markers, including those that show cholesterol levels, anemia, diabetes, liver and kidney function and hepatitis B.

Some participants will go through additional screenings such as thyroid sonograms, digital prostate exams, eye tests, and hemorrhoid, dental and foot exams.

"Holy Name has become a national model in delivering culturally sensitive medical services for people of all traditions in the tri-state area," said Michael Maron, President and CEO of Holy Name Medical Center.

"Part of this service is helping individuals and families bridge language and cultural barriers to get the care and coverage they need, which will help improve healthcare outcomes."

More than 85 physicians from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut volunteer to meet with participants, many of whom use the health festival as their only source of medical care.

"This is such an underserved population and we are glad to be able to provide these services," said Adam Jarrett, Chief Medical Officer, Holy Name Medical Center.

"It's a massive undertaking that is made possible only through the hundreds of volunteer physicians, nurses, technicians and members of the community, as well as our hospital administrators and donors."

Asian Health Services (AHS) provides services to more than 60,000 people every year in the northern New Jersey region.

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Holy Name's AHS was established in response to the growing Asian population in New Jersey and serves as the umbrella for the Korean Medical Program (KMP), the Chinese Medical Program (CMP) and the Filipino Medical Program (FMP) — which have been designed with the same mission — honoring the uniqueness of every individual and delivering high quality care in a culturally-sensitive environment.

“The ability to access health care is the first step in maintaining good health,” said Kyung Hee Choi, Vice President of Asian Health Services.

“We are pleased to offer this health festival to help Asian-American families gain access to health care services and obtain health care coverage.”



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Since 2013, Holy Name Medical Center has helped more than 5,000 Asian families get health insurance by assisting them in signing up for coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

This is the third year bilingual hospital staff members, through Holy Name's Asian Health Services, worked with federal navigators to assist uninsured or underinsured Asian-Americans get medical insurance.

Staff members who speak Korean and Chinese were on hand to help overcome language barriers many residents face when trying to enroll in a health plan through the computerized ACA system.

Navigators, familiar with the system, worked with staff members and residents each week day and some Saturdays during the enrollment period, from November through January.

About Holy Name Medical Center

Holy Name Medical Center is a fully accredited, not-for-profit healthcare facility based in Teaneck, N.J.

Founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace in 1925, the comprehensive 361-bed medical center offers leading-edge medical practice and technology administered in an environment rooted in a tradition of compassion and respect for every patient.

Holy Name provides high quality health care across a continuum that encompasses education, prevention, early intervention, comprehensive treatment options, rehabilitation and wellness

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