



Letter from the Editors:

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It is with great excitement that we present the second issue of The Free Clinic Research Collective, a peer-reviewed open access journal of The Medical Student Press (The MSPress). Our dedicated team has worked to prepare this exciting issue for the past year, and we could not be more proud of the result.

As a whole, the FCRC strives to increase awareness of the work of free clinics across the country by promoting student publishing and supporting the dissemination of free clinic research. While free clinics have gained considerable traction in the healthcare community in the past decade, there has been a distinctive lack of published literature detailing the work done in these clinics. The FCRC is dedicated to closing this gap by presenting the successes, experiences and tribulations of student-run free clinics.

The FCRC is a young journal, but in the past two years we have grown considerably. This issue includes four brief communications, three research pieces, one reflection essay and one viewpoint interview. These articles represent work from six different institutions. We hope these varied pieces will highlight the various experiences available at student-run free clinics and emphasize the important work being done by medical students all over the country. These articles are striking in their representation of the diverse world of student-run free clinics, but also uniting in their common themes of inclusion, compassion and understanding.



he FCRC would not be possible without the tireless efforts of many individuals. Each article in this issue underwent a rigorous peer-review process and thorough editing by editorial staff and authors. We would like to sincerely thank all of the peer editors, section editors and the entire MSPress team for their hard work and unflagging enthusiasm for the FCRC's message. Above all, we would like to thank Mica Esquenazi, MSPress Editor-in-Chief, and Pooja Karukonda, MSPress Executive Editor, for their guidance, support and direction. Without the unified efforts of the entire team, publication of this issue would not have been possible.

As the FCRC continues to grow, we are excited to see the expansion of free clinic publication. We strongly believe that student-run free clinics are not only integral to the healthcare system within the U.S., but essential to the growth of the nation's future healthcare leaders. We have thoroughly enjoyed working on this issue over the past year, and we thank you for your interest in the FCRC. We look forward to what this next year has to offer in the world of student-run free clinics, and we encourage you to share with us your experiences at your own clinic in future issues of the FCRC.

Cheers,

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