

Volunteer Opportunities

2017 Pueblo COMOM



An estimated 1,000 volunteers will be needed to make this year's clinic happen. Whether you are a caring dental professional or a caring individual, numerous opportunities are available for you to help at COMOM!

Volunteer Dental/Nondental Health Professionals

Only volunteers who have had their hepatitis vaccination will be allowed in areas of direct patient care or in areas of possible exposure to patient bodily fluids.

Dentists: Work in triage, provide treatment in oral surgery, restorative, endodontics, prosthodontics, and pediatrics, and also administer local anesthetic.

Dental Hygienists: Provide preventive treatments (i.e., prophylaxis, topical fluoride, sealants) and full mouth debridements, and also assist in oral cancer screening and oral health instruction.

Dental Assistants: Assist in oral surgery, restorative, endodontics, prosthodontics, pediatrics, and sterilization.

Dental Students – University of Colorado (3rd & 4th Year, ISP): Assist dentists across clinical departments.

Dental Students – University of Colorado (1st & 2nd Year): Dependent on clinical experience, may be able to assist dentists.

Dental Hygiene Students: Provide patients with oral health instruction.

Dental Assisting Students: Work in sterilization.

X-Ray Technicians: Provide patients with Panoramic and Nomad x-ray imaging.

Lab Technicians: Prepare interim partial and interim full dentures.

Dental Equipment Maintenance Persons: Ensure the optimal operation of dental equipment.

Medical Students: Participate in mentoring program with COMOM dentists.

Nurses and Nursing Students: Review patients' health history, and measure patients' blood pressure and blood glucose levels (health triage).

EMTs/Paramedics: Be available onsite in case of a medical emergency; assist in health triage

Pharmacists, Pharmacist Students, Pharmacy Techs: Dispense antibiotics and low-level pain medications as prescribed by dentists and oral surgeons.

Dental coders: Code dental procedures performed by dentists and hygienists.

Community Volunteers

Patient Registration: Greet patients and assist patients to complete clinic registration forms.

Patient Escorts: Escort patients to and from the various COMOM departments.

Patient Interviewers: Interview patients during exit process – gathering information about their pain status and the time frame of their most recent dental care, insurance status, demographic factors, and about their COMOM experience including whether they received oral health education.

Runners: Assist department leads as needed.

Interpreters: Assist patients by interpreting for them in all clinic departments. Individuals who are fluent in Spanish are of particular need. Individuals who are proficient in American Sign Language are also needed.

Volunteer Check-in: Greet and check in volunteers.

Food Service: Serve and clean-up food service areas for volunteers, and provide patients with water and snacks throughout the clinic..

Waste Management: Empty waste and help with general clean-up.

Crowd Control: Ensure orderliness of everyone at the event.

Data Entry: Computer enter information from patient treatment forms.

Willing Hands: Help with setting up the dental clinic and the taking down and packing up of the dental equipment and supplies at the close of the clinic.

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