

Community Medical Partners

Volunteers in Medicine, Clinic of the Cascades (VIM) was created to help keep uninsured/underserved working adults in our community healthy. Along with in-clinic volunteers, we also work with community medical partners to provide care to our patients. These partners represent many specialties and see patients upon referral from VIM in their own offices or facilities. Although they don't work in the VIM clinic, they are an integral part of what makes our work so extraordinary.

Our medical partners appreciate how thoughtful we are about our patient referral system. We value the use of your medical time and willingness to work with us. Thus, we carefully rotate the use of our providers to keep our requests well-balanced throughout the medical community. You can expect to receive 1 to 6 patient referrals annually, depending on your specialty.

Our work is the catalyst for so many good things. By joining us, you will not only change the life of one person, you will have an impact on their whole family. Everyone in the family benefits when the breadwinner is healthy!

The gratitude expressed by our patients is profound. They know what a gift it is to have healthcare, and their appreciation is one of the things that fuels each and every one of us on a daily basis. If you are looking to make a difference we invite you to join others who give from their heart to make our community a better place.

Visit www.vim-cascades.org to learn more.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN VIM AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER, CONTACT OUR
REFERRAL COORDINATOR
(541) 585-9018**

What can I expect of a referred patient?

As a medical home, we follow our patients' care closely before and after a referral. If we call you to request care for a patient, you can be assured that:

- We have completed a financial screening to determine that the patient is within 300% of the Federal Poverty level guidelines and that they are uninsured.
- A volunteer primary care provider has completed and extensive evaluation that indicates the patients in in need of specialty care.
- Our medical director reviews all referral requests before we reach out to you.
- We can coordinate medical labs and certain imaging tests. Our resources are limited, but we will do our best to provide you with what you need.
- Patients can obtain prescription medications, except for narcotics, through our on-site charitable pharmacy.
- We coach our patents to be on time and prepared for their appointments.

What about fees?

Most of our community partners' work is pro-bono. However, we do understand that in some cases that is not feasible. We tell our patients there may be a fee to cover materials and expenses. Once you agree to see a VIM patient, we ask that you work directly with the patient regarding fees and a payment plan.

What about liability?

VIM's patients agree to be seen and treated under the Oregon Liability Waiver (ORS 676.340). This limits the liability of Oregon-licensed physicians, physician assistants, dentists, nurse practitioners, dental hygienists, and certain other health professionals for injury, death, or other loss that may arise from services they provide without compensations, except in cases of gross negligence. As a VIM community partner, we ask that you register with the state for the liability waiver and have your pro-bono patients fill out a consent form.

Our mission is simple,

we want to improve the health and wellness of the medically uninsured or critically underserved through the engagement of professionals, community partners, and dedicated volunteers.