Dedicated to the pursuit of health equity, UI Health comprises the seven University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) health sciences colleges, the UI Cancer Center, and a health care delivery enterprise including the Hospital and Clinics and the Mile Square Health Center network.
1. CDoFSS Community Based Health and Wellness

- Provide individual consultations, health education talks, health assessments screenings, referrals, and specialized support groups utilizing a Wellness Center Team (nurse-nutritionist-pharmacist).
- Partners: Chicago Department of Family Support Services (CDoFSS) - Senior Services, White Crane Wellness Center, Catholic Charities

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2. Chicago Street Medicine at UIC

- UIC medical students, residents, and faculty deliver care to the underserved population. Services provide to link to the water, wound evaluation and dressing, free medication, preventive health counseling, and transportation to the UH Hospital and Clinics as needed.
- Partners: Ferguson Wu Family Foundation, UH Health Prisons Food Pantry, The Night Ministry, UIC Community Outreach Intervention Project (COIP), South Loop Campus Ministry, The Inclusive Collective (South Loop Community Table), UIC College of Medicine

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3. Corazon Community Services Health Education

- Address a health priority of a community partner through a College of Pharmacy doctoral student service-learning project.
- Partners: Corazon Community Services

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4. County Fair Blood Pressure Screenings

- Expand access to blood pressure screenings, hypertension education, and physical activities to community members of rural communities.
- Partners: Boone County Council on Aging, University of Illinois Extension Contact Heidi Olson, hotsonl@uic.edu

5. Discharge Service – Meds to Beds

- Provide access to medication, increase medication adherence, and reduce medication related readmissions for heart patients. The service also provides referrals to the Medication Assistance Program (MAP) for uninsured/underserved patients.
- Partners: Medication Assistance Program

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6. EngageU: Enhancement of Geriatric Care for All

- Foster campus-community collaborative partnerships to meet the needs of older adults through health fairs, screenings, and medication reviews.
- Partners: 60 Senior Centers and Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)

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7. Health Education At Cook Co. JTDC

- Improve health practices of justice-involved youth through health literacy education programming.
- Staff: Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, UIC College of Nursing

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8. Patient Access Center

- Promote patient access and adherence by bridging the gap between insurance provider, pharmacy and clinic. The Patient Access Center (PAC) is a pharmacy run service that contracts with U-Clinics to coordinate and submit prior authorization requests. This streamlined process results in faster turnaround and allows the clinic staff to focus on patient care initiatives.
- Partners: U-Clinics

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9. Patient-Centered Medicine (PCM) Scholars Program, Service Learning Program (SLP) & Interprofessional Approaches To Health Disparities (IAHD)

- Prepare future health professionals to address health disparities across a range of issues and vulnerable populations, including: domestic violence, geriatrics, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, immigrant and refugee health, and incarcerated populations.
- Partners: SLP - Connections for Abused Women and their Children (GAM), Project Vida, EdGelAlliance/AllCare Progressive Services, Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Cathedral Shelter (now Rivue), Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), Heartland Alliance, Syrian Community Network

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10. Pharmacy Learning, Advising, Mentoring, and Engagement for Students (PLAMES)

- Advance the professional and co-curricular development of student pharmacists through health education and promote engagement.
- Partners: Chicago Department of Family Support Services (CDoFSS), UI Health Pharmacy Student Flu Shot Program

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11. Pharmacist Led HIV Prep – Community Outreach

- Increase awareness and uptake of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) through pharmacist led HIV prevention education.
- Partners: UIC Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP), UIC Project PHAS, UIC Project HEAL, UI Health Community Clinic Network, UIC College of Medicine

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12. PREVENT Pilot

- Provide educational programming on influenza and influenza vaccine to underrepresented residents of the South Shore community. Additionally, the PREVENT Pilot also promotes and provides easy access to influenza vaccinations.
- Partners: UI Health, South Shore United Methodist Church, South Shore Works, Mobile Care Chicago

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13. Primary Care Expansion for People Who Inject Drugs

- In collaboration with UIC Community Outreach Intervention Project (COIP), reduce harmful consequences of substance use and improve access to healthcare for people who use drugs through primary care services. Services delivered include prevention and treatment for injection-related skin and soft tissue infections, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, mental health and substance use counseling, management of chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, hypertension), prevention and treatment for communicable diseases (i.e., hepatitis A & vaccine, hepatitis C treatment), and coordinated referrals for specialist care or inpatient treatment at UI Hospital.
- Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), UIC Community Outreach Intervention Project (COIP), UIC Jane Addams School of Social Work, UIC College of Medicine

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14. Program for Collaborative Research In The Pharmaceutical Sciences (PCRPS)

- Inform the public about plants that are used widely for medicinal properties and dietary supplements.
- Partners: Atkins Medicinal Plant Garden

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15. Riverside Juniors Health Expo

- Provide the community with information related to safe and effective medication use and disposal.
- Partners: Riverside Juniors Women's Charities, Addams College of Social Work, Riverside Hospital

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16. Rural Pharmacy Education (RPHARM) Program

- Improve pharmacy services available to people residing in rural communities by preparing student pharmacists to overcome the challenges and meet the needs that are specific to rural communities.
- Partners: UIC College of Medicine – Rockford, UIC College of Nursing, StateLine Farm Rescue, Sashabaw Farms, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, OSI Life Flight, FINN Health System, Green Tree Pharmacy, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, MU Diabetes Information Program, Rockford Public Schools, Hartig Drug, Stephenson County Health Department

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17. The Lab at Assembly of Faith Outreach Center

- Expose students (4-16 year olds) in a science desert to opportunities to enjoy laboratory science and connect scientific concepts to medicine and health through after-school programming.
- Partners: Assembly of Faith Outreach Center, UIC College of Education, University Program

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18. UI Health Pharmacy Student Flu Shot Program

- Improve student access to flu vaccinations and promote herd immunity on the UIC campus.
- Partners: UI Health Antabulary Care Pharmacy Department, UIC College of Pharmacy faculty and student volunteers, CampusCare (University provided health plan), UI Wellness Center, UI Athletic Center

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19. UI Health Specialty Pharmacy Services

- Help people with complex or chronic disease reach the best health by providing, safe access to specialty drugs.
- Address affordability barriers including high out-of-pocket costs and insurance challenges, and address high-touch service needs such as self-injection training, storage, refrigeration, supplies, and adverse interaction effects.
- Partners: Weblogistics (home delivery service), UI Outpatient Clinics, UI Cancer Center, UI Medication Assistance Program, Chicago Rx Discount Card, GoodRx Patient Discount Card, Patient Assistance Grant, Copay Coupon (various pharmaceutical manufacturers), Healthwell

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20. UI Health Volunteer Services

- Build meaningful connections, caring relationships, and positive engagement between volunteers, patients and families.
- Promote the importance of a positive and engaged patient experience.
- Partners: Kinga Mateje, kmatej@uic.edu

21. UI Team RX

- Improve medication safety, adherence and optimize healthcare costs.
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22. UIC College of Pharmacy - Community Drug Education Committee (CDCC)

- Provide health education to Chicago youth on topics such as opioid awareness, domestic violence, STD awareness, hardwashing, nutrition, and pathways to health professions.
- Partners: Michael Brias, mbras@uic.edu

23. UIC Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP)

- Address HIV/HCV infection, substance use, and other health disparities in marginalized neighborhoods, conduct research on these health issues, and train UIC students and students from other universities on these issues.
- Partners: UIC Health Community Clinic Network, Mile Square Health Center, UIC Urban Global Health Program, UIC Center for Dissemination and Implementation Science, UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work

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24. UIC Open House

- Provide students and families visiting UIC an opportunity to speak with selected campus representatives and ask questions, take tours, attend workshops related to fields of study, and visit academic, research, and department staff.
- Partners: UI Health Volunteer Services, many campus departments

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25. Urban Pharmacy (UPHARM) Program

- Prepare pharmacy leaders who will serve urban communities and increase health care/pharmacist resources and capacity building for the city of Chicago.
- Partners: Midwest Asian Health Association, MAHA Clinic, Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition, Chicago South and West Side Community Advocacy Group, UI Health Community Relations (Pilar Carnona), West Humboldt Park Mile Square Health Center

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Add your program or initiative to our growing inventory of UI Health Community Health Programs. Open the camera on your phone to scan this code to link to the Survey of Community Initiatives and Programs (SCIP).
ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY PRIORITY AREAS

Over the past three Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) cycles, UI Health primary service area constituents have expressed consistent priorities. The venn diagram below captures how College of Pharmacy programs map to the community priority areas.

1. Addressing social and structural determinants of health
   - including unemployment, education, income, tobacco use, poverty, transportation, food security, housing, and violence.

2. Improving access to care, community resources, and system improvements
   - including having a primary care physician, access to care, and health insurance.

3. Primary and secondary prevention of chronic disease
   - including heart disease, lung disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer.

BENCHMARKING TO THE UI HEALTH PORTFOLIO

The bar chart below plots the College of Pharmacy programs across the seven program type check boxes in the SCIP. The “other” programs include specialty pharmacy services and a hybrid of community health education, screening, and disease specific education.

STEWARDING A NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS

Programs take shape and drive impact in the communities served by UI Health through an ecosystem of partnerships. Below we capture the different types of partners supporting and sustaining the program efforts.

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