

Amaus Pediatric Clinic Program Guide

Cause for Action:

- Impoverished inner city children are 3 to 5 times more likely than suburban counterparts to visit the ED and to be hospitalized with common conditions such as asthma, bronchiolitis, and gastroenteritis/dehydration
- Delayed treatment or inappropriate treatment have been identified as contributors to this increased rate of hospitalization, which in turn is closely linked to access to care
- In addition, 35.1% of children and adolescents in Onondaga County are overweight or obese

Where is the program?

The Amaus Pediatric Clinic is part of [Amaus Medical Services](#) located at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 295 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202

What does the Amaus clinic do?

The Amaus Pediatric Clinic, which started in 2008, is a walk-in clinic providing interim care offered on a **weekly basis** for pediatric patients (infants – 21 years old) with limited access to primary care or lack sufficient health insurance. Doctors and staff provide a compassionate system of health management for many common diseases, immediate care of common illnesses, and well child care. All services are provided by volunteers. All volunteer doctors are board certified or acting under the supervision of a board certified physician.

How does the program provide for this population?

Care is provided on a walk-in basis, usually Wednesday or Thursday from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm with most urgent cases seen first and all others seen on a first come, first served premise.

What would I do as a student?

The primary role of the student will be to provide patient navigation under the supervision of an attending physician. Patient navigation may include aiding in patient intake, patient history taking and assessment, and providing insurance information and referrals for patients to primary care providers. Students may also help manage patient flow during open clinic hours.

How often would I serve with this program?

There are no required number of hours to serve at this site. Opportunities for each student depend on the number of students that sign up and the number of hours the clinic is open each week.

What are the community impacts?

By providing a pediatric clinic, parents who are unable to get their children to a primary care physician, lack of a regular primary care provider, or are un/under-insured, have access to quality care. Improved access to care increases primary care utilization and in turn creates healthier children.