

# Center for Inclusive Health

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The UNM School of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine is excited to announce the Center for Inclusive Health's Mobile Medical Team (aka Street Medicine Team) as an innovative, compassionate, and patient-centered care delivery model for folks experiencing homelessness or who are precariously housed in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

The interprofessional and interdisciplinary Mobile Medical Team “meets the patients where they are” on the street, in shelters, or in temporary housing to offer high-quality acute, chronic, and preventive medical and mental health care.

The Mobile Medical Team includes physicians, nurses, ambulatory practice professionals (physician assistants and nurse practitioners) and other clinicians who have expertise in complex patient care. Street Medicine collaborates with multiple community partners including Albuquerque Community Safety, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Police Department, and others to improve patient health, and reduce emergency room visits, inpatient hospital stays, and crisis contacts.

Educational opportunities will be available to all levels of learners from all health-profession programs at the UNM Health Science Center when the program is more established.

In the Fall of 2022, a generous donation was made to bring the Street Medicine Institute to Center for Inclusive Health to work closely with the teams and leadership to build a solid foundation to develop best practices for patient-centered care, research, curriculum development and advocacy.

In the Summer and Fall of 2023, another generous donation was secured to purchase two vehicles that were outfitted with special equipment to assist the teams in providing direct, low barrier patient care on the street.



## Funding Opportunities

Your gift will help the Center for Inclusive Health and the Street Medicine Team lead our community in addressing the vast social and medical disparities affecting the unsheltered in Albuquerque and across New Mexico and to provide important educational experiences to our learners.

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### Medical Supplies and PPE

The Street Medicine Team is in constant need of over-the-counter medications, medical supplies for wound care, testing, and treatment, and PPE to protect our providers in the field.

### Program Expansion

Our goal is to build a fully staffed service line that meets people where they are and provides the care they need. We are currently working with Street Medicine International to develop the plan for this expansion. Additional funds are needed to sustainably implement the plan.



### Curriculum Development

Street Medicine at the UNM School of Medicine is more than treatment for our unhoused patients, it is also an educational opportunity for students, residents, and fellows. To do it correctly, we need to build a curriculum to support our learners in this important work. This medical education opportunity will make UNM School of Medicine a draw for health profession students and medical residents.

### Vehicle Supplies and Maintenance

Street Medicine now has two vehicles to transport us to our patients. Your gift can help us ensure we have the supplies and maintenance we need to keep them on the road.

### Faculty Enhancement

Funds for provider professional development, including travel to conferences, seminar attendance, and other educational opportunities. Enhances the Street Medicine Team's ability to recruit and retain top-notch providers.

If you are interested in learning more about the Street Medicine Team please contact Maggie Schold, Director of Development, [Maggie.Schold@unmfund.org](mailto:Maggie.Schold@unmfund.org), 505-259-9164, to see how your support can literally change lives. Scan the code to give now.

