

# Missions Ministries

## Medical Team Guide



Thank you for your willingness to be a part of a medical team with Missions Ministries. Our mission is to transform lives and communities through short term mission teams- meeting spiritual needs, providing medical care, building homes and community infrastructure, and expanding educational opportunities for children.

You will be serving in a well-equipped clinic located in the Missions Ministries team center, providing basic medical care and health education to the people in the colonias. This is an invaluable opportunity to model the love of Christ and share the gospel.

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### General information

The clinic has four medical exam rooms, one optometry room, two dental rooms, a pharmacy, and a laboratory. The clinic is open five days a week by a local nurse, Adriana providing year-round care through medication refills, follow-up care, and nursing care to patients with chronic and minor acute illnesses.

### Clinic Staffing

**At least one doctor (MD or DO) is required** to open the clinic. A minimum of two medical professionals is preferred. As we strive to operate an American standard clinic, we ask that you keep non-medical staff to a minimum. To maintain inventory and ensure safe distribution of medications, Missions Ministries has full-time personnel on staff to operate the pharmacy. Only those with pharmacy experience will be permitted to assist in the pharmacy.

### Clinic workflow

Adriana will serve as a receptionist in the front office to check in patients. Patients will be scheduled on a first-come first-served basis. The number of patients accepted will be decided by the team.

When called, the patient and their chart go to a room designated for triage where preliminary vitals and a chief complaint are taken and recorded in the chart. **Please designate a person from your clinic team to triage.**

The patient and their chart then go to exam room to be seen by the clinician.

If the patient requires medication, they will be escorted to the pharmacy waiting room.

**After the clinician is finished documenting, the chart will be passed to the Missions Ministries staff RN in the pharmacy who will fill the prescription(s) and provide education on each medication.**

The clinician is then free to see their next patient!

Teams are encouraged to bring their own prayer warriors. During clinic time, there is always a need and opportunity to pray with patients. Their spiritual well-being is just as important as their physical well-being.

## **Cost and Donations**

**There is no cost required to open the clinic, but you can help us continue to impact the health of our community with a donation of any amount you are able to give.**

Donations of medications and medical supplies are also accepted but not required. (Please no narcotics or medications beyond two years of expiration.)

## **Interpreters**

Missions Ministries will assign one interpreter for each clinician, unless you are bringing interpreters of your own. To ensure that correct medical information is conveyed, only interpreters who speak fluent Spanish please.

## **Medical Equipment and Supplies**

Listed ***on the next page*** are the equipment and supplies that we have available. If you anticipate needing something not listed, please plan to bring your own.

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**More than anything, we want to thank you for your willingness to serve with us. Each clinician who comes down is a blessing to the community, and we hope you will also be blessed through this experience!**

**Please contact Adrian with any clinic-related questions:**

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## Supplies

Soap and antibacterial hand gel	Betadine swabs
Surface disinfectant	Lubricant jelly
Cotton-tip applicators	TrueTrack glucose testing supplies
Cotton balls	Strep tests
Tongue depressors	Urine pregnancy tests
Tympanic and oral thermometer covers	Urine chemstrips
Personal protective equipment	Clean urine specimen cups
Disposable patient drapes and gowns	Child-safe medication bottles
ACE wraps	Medicine cups/droppers/spoons
Wound dressing supplies	Medication labels
Suture supplies	Infant bulb suction
Syringes/needles	AA and AAA batteries
Sterile water and NaCl solutions	
Alcohol pads	

## Equipment

SpO2 monitoring	Hgb A1C monitoring and supplies
BP monitoring	Microscope and slides
Thermometers	Ultrasound and fetal doppler
Scales	EKG machine and electrodes
Stethoscopes	Walkers/crutches
Otoscopes and covers	Autoclaves and supplies
TrueTrack glucometers	Nebulizers and supplies
HemoCue (Hb 201) and supplies	

**Because we have no laboratory technician or pathologist on staff, laboratory testing is very limited. The only equipment or supplies available for lab testing are those listed above.**