Program Start: 2011

Program Description: Access to specialty care has been identified as one of the greatest health care needs of low income, uninsured residents in Contra Costa County. Through a partnership with La Clínica de la Raza, John Muir Health provides specialty care for uninsured and low-income patients to include diagnostic, outpatient, and inpatient care at JMH facilities from JMH affiliated physicians. The program is based in the Cancer Institute and addresses needs for breast, gynecologic, thoracic, urologic, thyroid and gastroenterological services.

Primary Goal: to increase direct access to specialty services for uninsured individuals.

High-Level Results:
- To date, Specialty Care Program received 1,616 referrals and served 1,342 patients.
- 100% of patients treated were uninsured.
- The program has made 53 cancer diagnoses to date.

SPECIALTY CARE PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Patient Volume:
In 2017, Specialty Care Program has served 224 patients.

Health Conditions:
Patients were referred for a variety of conditions, the most being gastroenterological and gynecological issues.

Health Condition by Specialist Encounters 2017:
- Breast: 9%
- Urology: 19%
- Gyn: 19%
- Thyroid: 15%
- Lung: 1%
- GI: 39%
- Other: 10%

Among the 224 patients in 2017, there were a total of 684 clinical encounters for specialty services.
John Muir Health Specialists

In 2017, a total of 26 specialists contributed services to patients of the program. In comparison to previous years, there has been an increase in gastroenterology and surgical services provided.

Cancer Diagnosis

Since 2011, the program has diagnosed a total of 53 cancer cases.

Stage of Diagnosis 2017

- Stage I: 60%
- Stage II: 20%
- Stage III: 20%
- Stage IV: 20%

Number of Cancer Diagnoses