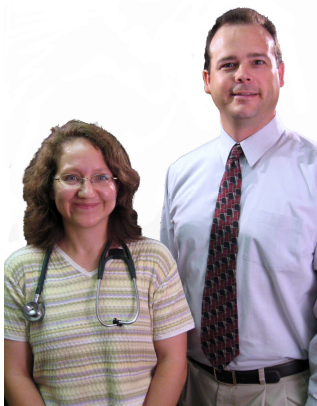


Our Lady of Hope Clinic to Host Series of Free Community Events

Our Lady of Hope Clinic will host a slate of free educational events, aimed at empowering community members to better maintain and improve their health. The Health Outreach and Patient Education (HOPE) series begins this fall with three scheduled events and is open to the general public.

Our Lady of Hope Clinic President Michael Kloess said the events will provide attendees with useful information for getting and staying healthy.

“Sometimes the best form of preventative medicine is education,” Kloess said. “The HOPE series gives men, women and children from across the Madison area an opportunity to learn practical, but powerful, tips for improving their health.”



Our Lady of Hope Clinic Physicians Anne Volk Johnson and Michael Kloess

Women’s Health: NaProTECHNOLOGY, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. Millions of women across the US suffer from gynecological concerns like infertility, ovarian cysts, postpartum depression, PMS and menstrual cramps. Typically, these women are given expensive treatments that mask problems without addressing the underlying health concerns.

NaProTECHNOLOGY is a revolutionary new branch of medicine that provides natural, effective and inexpensive treatments that are found morally acceptable by peo-

ple of all faiths. Join Doctors Kloess and Johnson to learn more.

Common Winter Sports Injuries, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Each year, more than a quarter million Americans get hurt participating in winter sports. Before you lace up those skates, put on those sneakers, or purchase your lift ticket, join us for a primer on avoiding and caring for winter sports injuries.

Hypertension Screening, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Did you know nearly 90 percent of Americans will develop high blood pressure at some point during their lives? Join Doctors Kloess and Johnson for a free screening and advice on how to get (or keep) your blood pressure under control.

Another Great Upcoming Event

Theology on Tap, Sept. 24 @ 7 p.m. (The Brink Lounge at 701 E. Washington Avenue)

What is Catholic medicine? Doctor Anne Volk Johnson discusses the longstanding tradition of Catholic health care and the role of Catholic doctors in treating the sick and needy.

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A Message from Our Lady of Hope Clinic President Dr. Michael Kloess



As Dr. Johnson and I go around Southern Wisconsin giving talks on how Our Lady of Hope Clinic can serve both the area's insured and uninsured populations, one question seems to be on everybody's mind: "How does Our Lady of Hope Clinic factor into current proposals to reform our nation's health care system?"

When answering this question, it's important to clarify what obstacles our nation faces in ensuring that all Americans have adequate health care. While the situation is typically referred to as a "health care crisis," I don't think this terminology accurately describes the country's health care challenges.

I believe the situation is more of an "access crisis." We have excellent health care in America, some of the best in the world. Unfortunately, for some, this excellent health care is difficult to access. If you've ever spent 45 minutes in a waiting room only to be rushed through a five minute visit with your doctor, you know what I mean. If you've ever waited days or weeks to have a concern addressed by a physician, you know what I mean. If you've ever felt like your doctor is too busy for you, you definitely know what I mean.

As difficult as it might be for a patient to receive attention from a doctor, the problem is dramatically more dire for the millions of Americans who don't have insurance. Too many of our friends, family and neighbors simply do not have access to see a doctor for even the most basic care. This brings us back to the initial question at hand: Where does Our Lady of Hope Clinic fit into health care reform?

The health care bill currently before Congress is certainly an ambitious plan. Is there a universal right to health care? Is nationalized health care inevitable? Do we need to overhaul the whole system to improve access for those who are not getting the care they need? These are tough questions.

I am convinced that if we can't take ownership of the "access crisis" locally and help provide for our neighbors in need within our community, we cannot reasonably expect to find an effective solution by outsourcing the problem to Washington.

And that's where Our Lady of Hope Clinic fits in. Our donors and benefactors have made an investment in their community—an investment in those among us who are struggling to access health care. They have recognized and seized the opportunity to bring meaningful change to the way health care is delivered in Southern Wisconsin, and we thank them for that.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Each physician at Our Lady of Hope Clinic has only 300 patient-benefactors. At a typical family practice clinic, each doctor has nearly 3,000 patients!