

THE NOMC KEEPS MUSICIANS ALIVE

The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic mission statement: To sustain New Orleans' musicians and tradition bearers in mind, body and spirit regardless of their ability to pay.

- In 2018 we celebrate **20 years** of the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic. Founded on May 1, 1998 by a coalition of music advocates, the NOMC became the 1st and only brick and mortar medical clinic specifically for performing artists in the United States.
- We provide occupational and comprehensive **health services to over 2,500 local performers**.
- The NOMC provides **health care and social services for creatives**. Patients include musicians, Mardi Gras Indians, performing artists, dancers, sound engineers, music club owners/managers/staff, cultural bearers (*second liners/social aid and pleasure club members*), and more.
- **Patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay**. We accept patients that are insured, underinsured OR without insurance. We offer health insurance navigation and are a Medicaid enrollment site.
- Patients have access **primary care** through the NOMC, and can be referred for a wide range of specialty care (e.g. *Dental, Hearing, Mental Health, etc.*)
- NOMAF (*the New Orleans Musicians' Assistance Foundation*) is the 501c3 non-profit that supports & expands the mission of the NOMC. We provide many **Community Wellness Programs** including the **Dancer Wellness Program** (*nutrition and exercise for local performers*), **You Got This** (*a mental health initiative for performers*), **Save New Orleans Sounds** (*hearing loss awareness & activism*), **Parading Feet** (*care for marching bands, dance troupes & culture bearers*), and more. We also put on community **health screenings, blood drives and regular wellness events**.
- We also partner with community-based providers of human services – healthy food, housing, transportation, case management, etc – to provide **a wide range of social services** to NOMC patients and their families
- The clinic is located on St. Charles Ave (just off the streetcar line) in the **LSU Health building**.
- Despite the booming tourism industry, **New Orleans musicians continue to live a hand to mouth** existence in a cash based economy.
- More than 75% of our patients have been **active local performers** for more than 10 years.
- The NOMC aims to overcome health disparity that plagues the working poor and to **“prevent death by lifestyle”** – which means practicing patient centered, preventive medicine and engaging our patients to adopt healthier lifestyles so they avoid costly visits to the emergency room.
- We serve anyone **age 19 or over** and their family members.
- Anyone interested in becoming an NOMC patient can **pre-register at any of our events** (*even here!*)