

Univers Centre Mèdical

Helping to improve nursing care through organization, education and standardization of care.

Univers Centre Mèdical (UMC) opened in July of 2008 strictly as a clinic. The clinic was open from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. If a patient still needed more care at 6:00 pm, they would have to go home and then return to the clinic in the morning if they were still sick. As the clinic became busier, it was recognized that there was a need for 24-hour care.

In September of 2010 the clinic went to being open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Shortly after, the clinic was staffed by head nurse Michele Benson. There are many cultural differences that prove to be a challenge in managing the nursing staff. One example would be that death is so prevalent here that the nurses don't recognize an emergency when someone comes in and the need to act quickly.

At this time there are three general physicians, a resident and a surgeon at the clinic. There is also a dentist, an optometrist, a lab and pharmacy. Additional staff includes those who work in admissions, cashiering, maintenance and laundry.

In an effort to eventually become self-supportive, the clinic is 63% funded by patient fees and 37% funded by grants and donations.



Michele Benson does an electrocardiogram on a young man.

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Please pray for

- *The malnutrition program will get off the ground and be able to serve many children in need.*
- *Patients who come to the clinic for care.*
- *That the Lord would provide a medical director to manage the care given by the UMC doctors.*
- *For continued health and strength for Michele.*