

Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth is a free health clinic that provides care to the underserved population, largely comprised of uninsured adults, in south Fort Worth. Services at Mercy Clinic include wellness checkups, sick visits, and well-woman visits, as well as some dental procedures, labs, and prescription services. TCU pre-health students consistently volunteer at Mercy Clinic, and TCU's relationship with Mercy Clinic has continued to grow with the new addition of the Burnett School of Medicine at TCU. A current collaboration between Mercy Clinic and the Burnett School of Medicine aims to provide patients with well-women exams such as pap smears and breast exams. Funds provided by the Experiential Projects to Impact the Community (EPIC) Grant were used to assist with the cost of supplies, such as speculums and drape sheets, for these women's clinics. The goals of this community project are to serve the Fort Worth community by providing Mercy Clinic with materials and volunteers, to educate and emphasize the importance of women's health, and to grow TCU Pre-Health's relationship with the Burnett School of Medicine and Mercy Clinic.

Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth

Provides free healthcare in South Fort Worth

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| Services | ~2,635 Regular Patients |
| • Dental | • 18 years or older |
| • Medical | • Live in 76110 or 76104 zip code |
| • Prescriptions | • Do not have health insurance |
| • Spiritual Care | • Income level < 200% of national poverty line |

Importance of Women's Health Care

Cervical Cancer

- In 2019: 12,795 new cases reported, 4,152 deaths (CDC, 2022)
 - Non-Hispanic Black women had highest rate of new cases
 - Hispanic women had the highest death rate

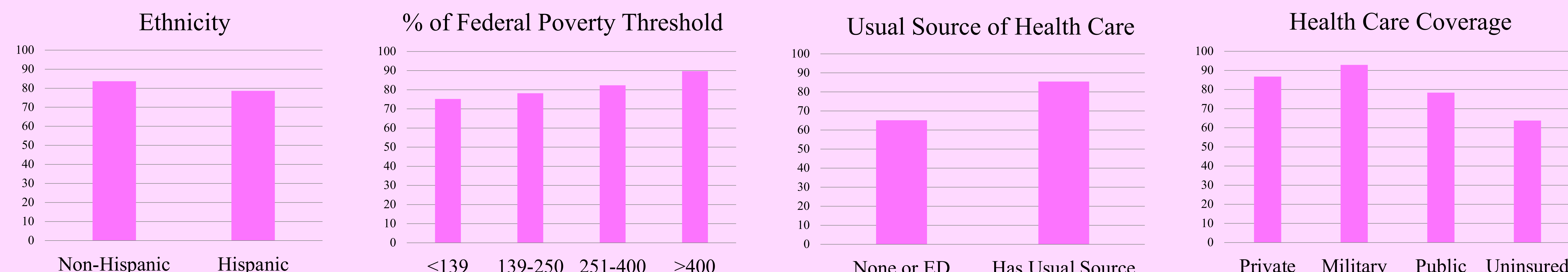
Pap Smear: physical exam to test for cervical cancer in women

- Recommended every three to five years for ages 21 to 65 (Mayo Clinic)
- 90% of women diagnosed with early-stage cervical cancer lived 5+ years, compared to less than 19% of women diagnosed with late-stage cancer (CDC, 2022)
 - Emphasizes the importance of preventative care and frequent pap smear exams

National Pap Smear Statistics

National percentage of women (21-65 years old) who received a pap test within the past 3 years

(National Health Interview Survey, U.S., 2015)



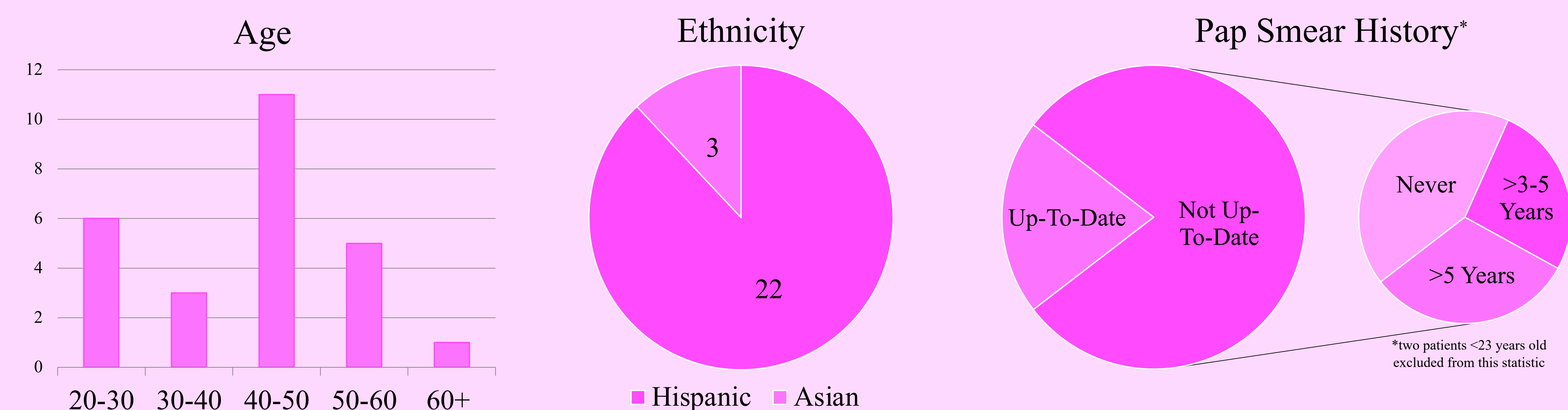
Project Description

Materials Purchased

- Speculum
- Drape sheets
- Exam gowns

Patient Outcomes

- 0 abnormal pap smear results
- 6 prescriptions for UTI medications



Future Directions

- Four more clinics scheduled for 2023
- Apply for external women's health grants to continue funding clinics
 - Funding from the TCU EPIC Grant will continue next year
- Education initiatives at future clinics
 - Benefits of regular exams, birth control, sexual health
- STD testing
- Increase pharmacy availability

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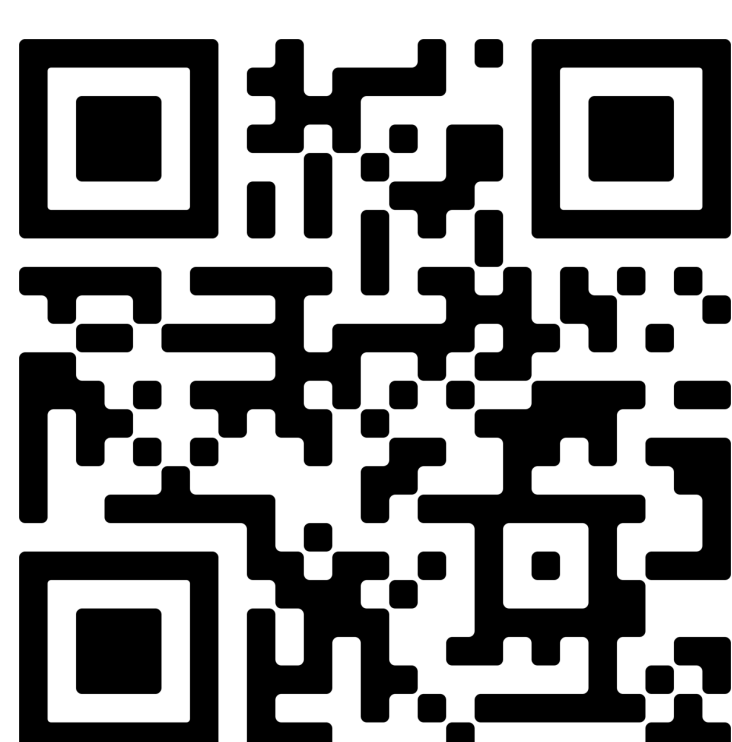
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