

## **VOLUNTEER POSITION | Offsite Specialist Physicians**

### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Since 2006, Malta House of Care Mobile Medical Clinic has been providing high-quality, compassionate, free primary health care to uninsured adults in Greater Hartford. The Clinic provides care in a safe environment on a walk-in basis at four church sites in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Hartford and East Hartford.

Malta has provided more than 44,000 free patient visits since its founding, thanks to a small paid staff and a cadre of about 55 volunteer doctors (both on- and offsite) who donate about 1,000 hours of in-kind care each year. Most of our patients have common chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and asthma. They lack a primary care provider because they are unable to qualify for state or federal assistance and are unable to afford the cost of health insurance with its premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

### **DUTIES**

Offsite specialist physician volunteers see Malta patients right in their own offices – perfect for doctors whose schedules and specialties preclude them from providing primary care on the Malta van. These offsite volunteers individually arrange with Malta to see a handful (1-10 per year) of Malta patients who need focused exams, testing, or readings in such key specialties as cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, podiatry, pulmonary, women’s health, etc.

- No payment provided by Malta or the patient (beyond the blood tests and x-rays included in Malta’s existing scope of coverage)
- Volunteer’s own malpractice insurance must extend to care of Malta patients
- Spanish interpreters may be needed
- Higher-than-average risk of skipped appointments

### **CREDENTIALING PROCESS**

As part of the application process, Malta House of Care requires all volunteer Physicians and Nurses to submit to a background and National Data Bank check.

### **QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS**

- Basic education (M.D./O.D.)
- Ability to assess patients and develop plans of care based on best practices of specialty
- Willing to send consultation letter to Malta
- Current Flu vaccine and yearly PPD testing
- Ability to speak multiple languages a plus, but not required