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Shriners Conduct Outreach at the CHCC's Children's Clinic

In collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's (CHCC) Children's Clinic, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Outreach Team from Honolulu, provided outreach clinics at the CHCC on Saipan from Oct 30 - Nov 6, 2020 to provide services for children/adolescents (ages 0-18 years) with special health care needs.

The Shriners team consisted of Dr. Paul Moroz (Orthopedic Physician), Dr. Jonathan Pellett (Orthopedic Physician), and Sandy Zukeran (Outreach Coordinator), all of whom are equipped to care for children with congenital and other childhood orthopedic issues, resulting from bone, joint, muscle and sports injuries. During their visit, the Shriners team worked closely with CHCC's Dr. Leticia Borja (Pediatrician) and staff, Shiella Marie Deray to ensure the success of the outreach efforts.

As a result of the outreach clinics, Dr. Moroz and Dr. Pellett were able to reach a total of 146 patients, 112 (77%) of whom are returning patients, and 34 new patients (7 patients from Rota and 1 patient from Tinian). In addition, 9 Admission Planning Forms (APF) were submitted for surgery, and 6 telehealth visits were organized. Furthermore, the Shriners were able to gather data from 106 subjects during this outreach (adding with data collected from the Marshall Islands from 2019), which contributes to their project on Language Translation Services on Outreach Study.

The CHCC continues to utilize telehealth/telemedicine to enhance and provide services for the children/adolescents in the CNMI, including Tinian and Rota.

For additional information on orthopedic concerns or other children's health concerns, please contact the Children's Clinic at (670) 234-8951 or the Maternal & Child Health Bureau (MCHB) at (670) 664-8701.

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