

A Typical Visit at Smith Medical Clinic

As Medical Director,

I have the privilege of seeing what a “routine” visit really looks like for our patients—and I can tell you, there is rarely anything routine about it.



Before a patient ever walks through our doors, they have already overcome obstacles many of us never have to think about. Getting to the clinic may mean borrowing a car, coordinating rides, walking, or rearranging a work schedule they can't afford to change. Some arrive tired from overnight shifts; others are anxious because time away from work means lost wages.

Once here, we address more than vital signs or lab results. We talk through follow-up appointments that require yet another day off work, treatment plans that must fit into unpredictable lives, and the day-to-day challenges that can make managing chronic illness difficult.

Just recently, I saw a patient with diabetes who had run out of medication—not because he didn't understand its importance, but because life intervened. Transportation issues, missed appointments, and competing responsibilities all piled up. By the time he reached us, his blood sugar was dangerously high, and we had to start again—stabilizing his condition, reinforcing education, and rebuilding a plan he could realistically follow.

And yet, our patients show up. They ask thoughtful questions. They try—often under circumstances that would derail many of us.

At Smith Medical Clinic, our role is not only to provide excellent medical care, but to understand the barriers our patients face and help them navigate those challenges with dignity and support. This careful, collaborative work is only possible because of those who believe that access to health care should not depend on circumstance.

Thank you for making this care possible.

Gene Mayeaux, MD
Medical Director

Mental Health Update

At Smith Clinic, the work continues quietly, steadily, and meaningfully. Clients arrive carrying stories shaped by trauma, loss, fear, and resilience. Some come ready to engage; others arrive uncertain or exhausted from surviving. Many step away for a while, but most find their way back. One client, who has battled depression for years, is beginning to see sunlight again—sleeping through the night, exploring new passions, and finally setting roots in South Carolina. Another returned after walking out mid-session in crisis, saying simply, “I’m sorry. This is hard.” That return marked trust, repair, and commitment to weekly therapy.

Some clients begin therapy unsure why they are there, some are survivors of human trafficking or sex work seeking safety and stability, and others are processing life-altering diagnoses. For many, sessions first address urgent needs—housing, food, medical care—before deeper healing can begin.

This is the rhythm of our work: rupture and repair, fear and courage, hesitation and return. Therapy is rarely linear, but it is always progress. As the beat goes on, we walk alongside clients, one session at a time.



Beverly Crittendon, LPC-A
Mental Health Therapist

“Therapy is a collaborative process, a meaningful partnership where theory meets art, and clinician and client work together to create space for healing”

Increasing Premiums = More Uninsured Neighbors:



When her health insurance premium more than doubled in 2026, a patient with a job faced an impossible choice. Between the higher monthly premium and increased copays for her prescription medicines, she simply couldn’t afford to stay insured.

She dropped her insurance—knowing that a serious illness or injury could upend her life. Luckily, a coworker

told her about Smith Medical Clinic. Now, she’s relieved to have access to care. “I worried so much about what would happen if I got sick—if I miss work, I can’t pay my bills,” she shared. Her story is becoming increasingly common as more neighbors in our community find themselves newly uninsured—not by choice, but by necessity.

Save the Date!

2026 Gala at Franks Outback

We all need something to look forward to during the cold winter months—and for many in Georgetown County, Gala means spring.

Join us April 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Frank's Outback for an evening of great food, lively bidding on auction items, raffle tickets, and time with friends and neighbors who believe in free medical care for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Tickets go on sale March 9 — online only this year.

Mark your calendar— Spring (and Gala night) will be here before we know it.



A Little Grace

Sometimes, we all need a little grace...

Recently, a man came to the clinic after missing several days of work with the flu. Medically, he was improving—but the illness had created a different kind of stress. Missing work meant missing pay, and he found himself a little short on rent, aware of how quickly one small setback can start to snowball.

There was no prescription for that.

With A Little Grace, we were able to help close the gap and give him the breathing room he needed to recover fully and get back to work without added financial strain.

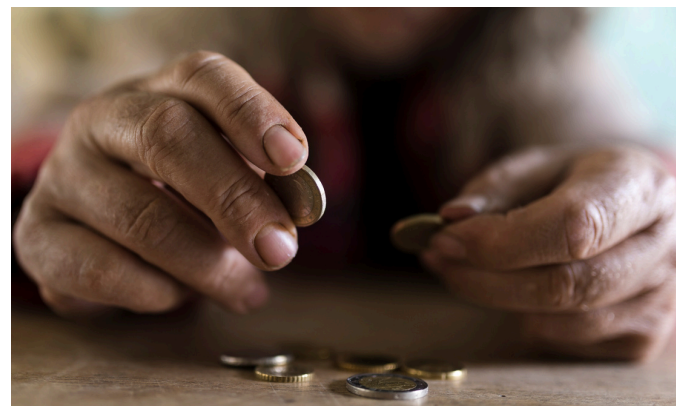
As we talked, he said ruefully,

“I’ll be first in line for the flu shot next year.”

Sometimes, caring for patients means looking

beyond medicine and addressing the real-life challenges that can disrupt everyday life.

Sometimes, a little help at the right moment makes all the difference.



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A Thoughtful Way to Care for the Future

From time to time, we hear from supporters who tell us that Smith Medical Clinic holds a special place in their hearts—because someone they love was helped here, because they care deeply about their community and want their support to stay local, or simply because they believe everyone deserves access to medical care.

For some of those supporters, that connection has led them to include a bequest in their will or estate plans. They often describe it as a way to take care of family first, while also knowing that the clinic will be able to continue providing medical care, medications, and support to neighbors who might otherwise go without.

Many people are surprised to learn how simple this can be. A bequest can often be added to an existing will with a small update and does not require an immediate gift. Whether it's a specific amount or a percentage of an estate, these gifts help sustain the clinic's work and ensure that compassionate care remains available in our community for years to come.

If you would like to have a confidential conversation or learn more, Anne Faul, Executive Director, would be glad to connect.

She can be reached at afaul@smithfreeclinic.org or 919-270-6488.

J. McLAUGHLIN

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We are deeply grateful to one longtime supporter who steadily increased their commitment to Smith Medical Clinic—first giving \$250, then \$500 as a Patient Partner, each gift helping provide medical care for neighbors in need. **Then the mission became personal.**

After being diagnosed with Type II diabetes, this donor gained a new appreciation for the ongoing costs of managing a chronic condition—even with insurance.

“Even with insurance, I experienced the additional expense associated with diabetes: medications, frequent follow-up appointments, glucose testing supplies, even eating differently. It made me think about those who have to manage this without having health insurance.”

Moved by that experience, this donor chose to deepen their support as a Program Partner, helping make possible a wide range of care at Smith Medical Clinic—from diabetes care and medications to mental health services, vision care, and physical therapy. We are sincerely thankful for their generosity and perspective.

If you are interested in strengthening access to comprehensive care for our most vulnerable neighbors, we invite you to consider becoming a Program Partner and joining others who help make this work possible.



Join our Patient Partners Giving Program!

Join your neighbors in becoming a Patient Partner and help provide life-saving medical care to those in our community who have no insurance and can't afford to see a doctor. Your support ensures that every person—regardless of income—can access the care they need with dignity.

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\$250 - \$999

Provide free medical care for one patient for an entire year.

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\$1,000 - \$4,999

Give patients and their families access to local YMCA facilities and wellness programs.

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

Support extended clinic hours so working patients can access care outside of traditional schedules.

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\$10,000+

Join our Founder's Circle and provide sustaining support for the future of compassionate, community-based care.



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