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### INTRO

- The FCM Curriculum is a onemonth block that interns complete with the goal of introducing them to the resources available to our patient population.
- The goal of this project is to increase resident involvement in free clinics during the FCM Block in order to improve training in working with underserved populations

### **METHODS**

- 1. N = 31 residents
- 2. Collected pre-surveys at joint teaching day.
- Post surveys were distributed to residents who completed FCM curriculum

## **PRE-SURVEY RESULTS**

- Would you be interested in working at a free clinic? 83% of residents said "yes".
- When asked whether they had heard of the UofA CUP clinics, only 64% of South Campus residents responded with a "yes".

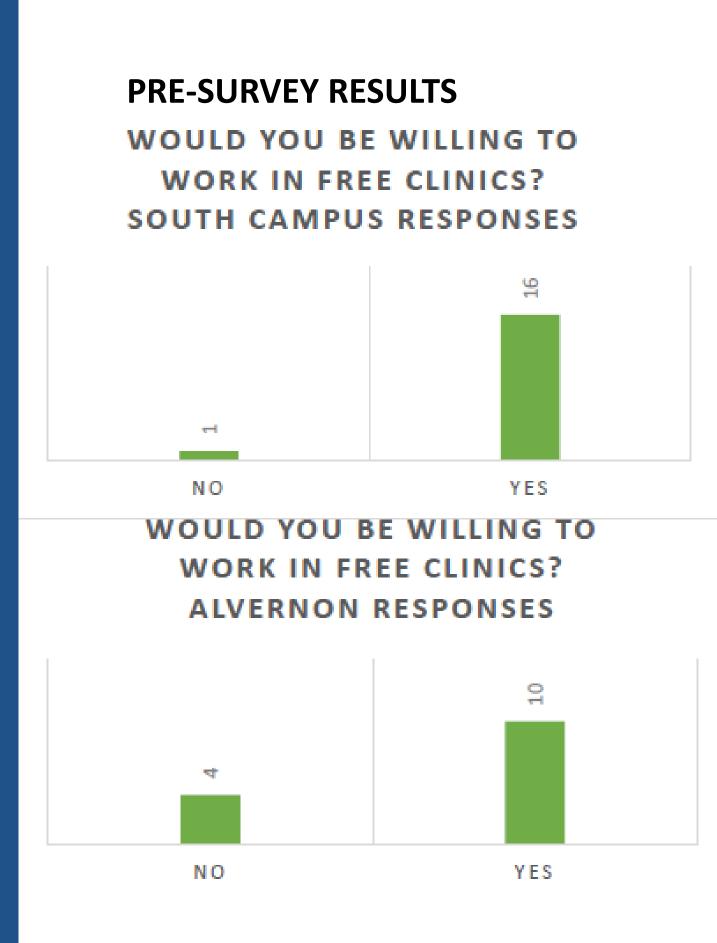
### DISCUSSION

• The UofA Family Medicine Residencies have a distinct mission to provide for underserved populations. By increasing the experiences of residents in free clinics, residents will be better prepared to serve these populations upon graduation.

Not only are Family Medicine Residents willing to work in free clinics, they *desire* more opportunities with these clinical experiences.

By increasing resident involvement in free clinics, there is a relative *increase in providers* trained to work with underserved populations and therefore *more access to care for* underserved populations.

**Decreasing Healthcare Disparities by** Increasing Resident Involvement in **Free Clinics** 



# "Free clinics put the spirit and soul back into **healthcare**—it allows us the opportunity to embrace the humanity of our patients and see the direct effects of medical care."

-South Campus FM PGY1

