

Chattanooga Healthcare Inter-Professional Society

Chattanooga Healthcare Inter-Professional Society (CHIPS) is an organization of graduate students and healthcare professionals devoted to raising awareness for the many career options that healthcare offers. Our goal is to reach out to local high school and college students who are interested in pursuing healthcare as a profession. We believe that guidance from passionate healthcare providers can have a profound impact on a student's interest in the medical field. As healthcare professionals, we have all experienced the difficulties that pursuing higher education entails. Our hope is to pass along this knowledge to the next generation so that they may not fall prey to the same mistakes and pitfalls that we have during our careers.

CHIPS is designed to provide an opportunity for the different members of the healthcare team to have interaction outside of the hospital setting. By promoting inter-professional relationships we aim to strengthen the bonds that create a synergistic and gratifying workplace environment. In doing so, our hope is to improve patient interaction and maintain the provision of high-quality care. In addition to outreach programs and volunteering opportunities, our plan is to host social functions in the future.

As one might expect from a multidisciplinary organization, CHIPS is comprised of individuals from a variety of different backgrounds. However, we are united by a passion for providing guidance to eager students interested in pursuing a career in medicine. Our society welcomes any members of the healthcare team who have an interest in contributing to the next generation of hospital employees.

Our next scheduled event will be the annual CSTHEA homeschool curriculum fair located at Camp Jordan on July 17th and 18th. We will be raising awareness for the different healthcare specialties and providing informative brochures to interested students. We will also be promoting the various volunteer and shadowing opportunities that Erlanger has to offer high school and college students. If you are interested in getting involved, feel free to email us at utchips@gmail.com, or post on our Facebook page.

We are sponsored by the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine (Chattanooga campus) and Erlanger hospital.

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