



**The  
Asian Health Initiative  
Mission:**

To improve the health status of the medically under-served Asian population in central Ohio by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services.



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OSU Family Medicine - The Ohio State University  
Hospitals - Asian American Community Services - Asian  
American Community Services Council

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The **Asian Health Initiative (AHI)** has been working toward the ambitious goal of

improving the health status of medically under-served Asian populations in central Ohio by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services since its inception in 1997.

According to the US Census Bureau, there are over 160,000 people from the Asian community living in Ohio, and nearly 40,000 Asians living in Franklin County as of 2004. The Asian population continues to grow throughout the United States. The lack of culturally and linguistically appropriate health care is a serious issue for the Asian immigrant/refugee community, which comes from a wide range of cultures with varied medical practices and customs. AHI provides free clinical care, referral services, and advocacy to these members of our community.

### Logistics

**Where:** Rardin Family Practice  
2231 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43201  
(Intersection of Northwood and High,  
just north of Lane Ave.)

**When:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
Monday Evenings (5:30 PM-7:30 PM)

**Who:** PATIENTS: *medically underserved Asian community members (250% Federal Poverty Level, NO Health Insurance)*

#### PHYSICIAN VOLUNTEERS

John O'Handley (Medical Director)  
Edward Xie, M.D. (Mount Carmel)  
Guibin Li, M.D. (OSU)  
Harrison Weed, M.D. (OSU)  
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### The Asian Health Initiative Clinic:

-treats a wide range of medical conditions including: pain, heart disease, diabetes, high cholesterol and hypertension

-provides interpreters as needed for patients from every Asian community in Franklin County

-collaborates with other Franklin County Free Clinics for referrals for special services

-promotes and provides women's health screenings several times a year

-advocates for patients from the Asian Community.

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