

# Street Medicine; House Calls Without Walls

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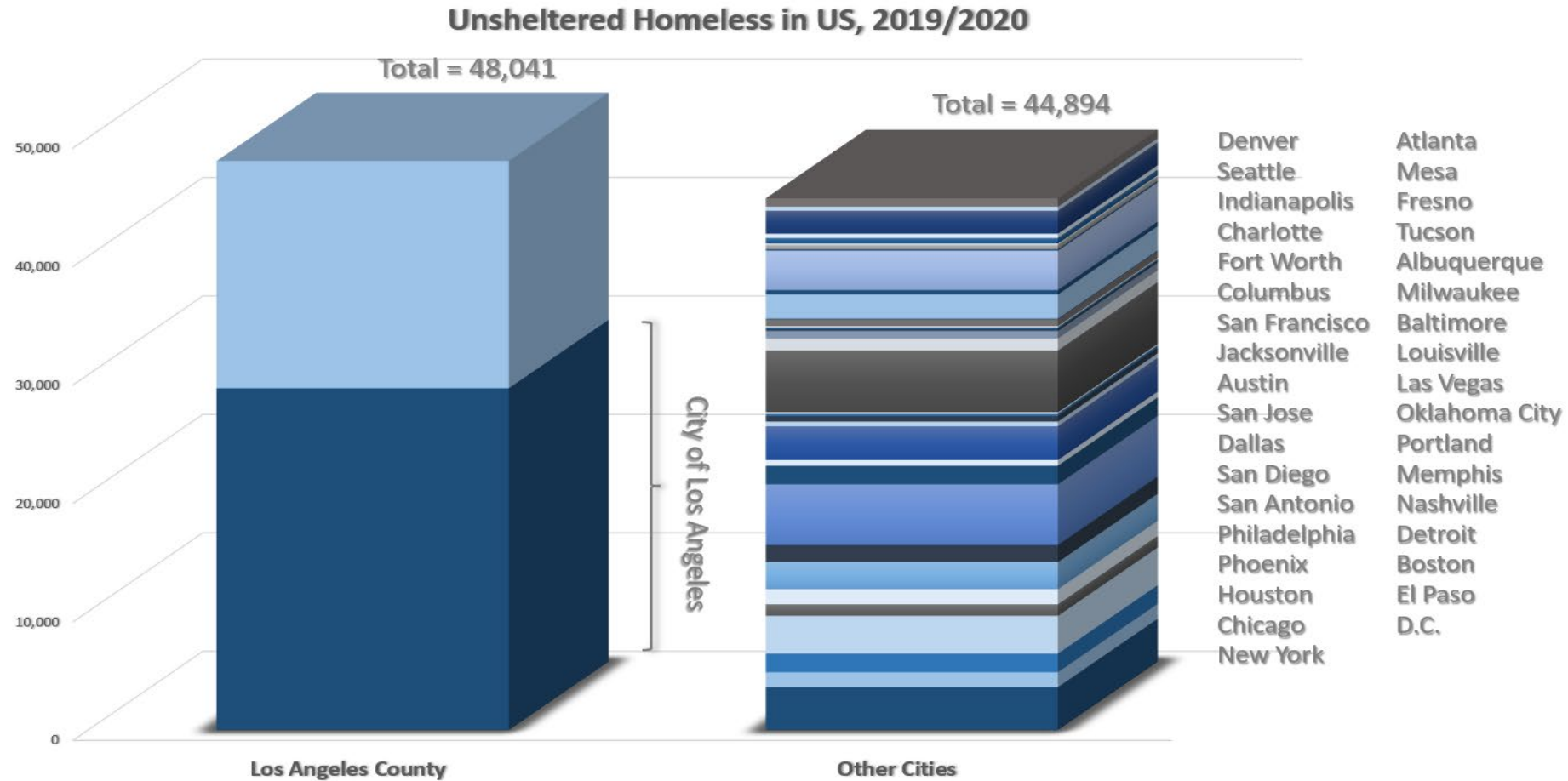
Family Medicine is a leader in health and social justice.

Collaboration • Inclusivity • Innovation • Joy at Work • Integrity • Excellence

# Objectives

- What is Street Medicine and Why Street Medicine?
- Describe impact of Street Medicine on clinical care delivery and its outcomes
- Demonstrate the value that Family Medicine brings to vulnerable communities

# A Human Rights Crisis



# Unequal Access to Primary Care

- >80% insured in California
- 15% visited their primary care clinician in last year
- Competing priorities of basic survival needs
- Wait times exceed planning horizon
- Overwhelming barricades to health care



# USC Street Medicine- From the Hospital to the Street



## Consult Service Goals:

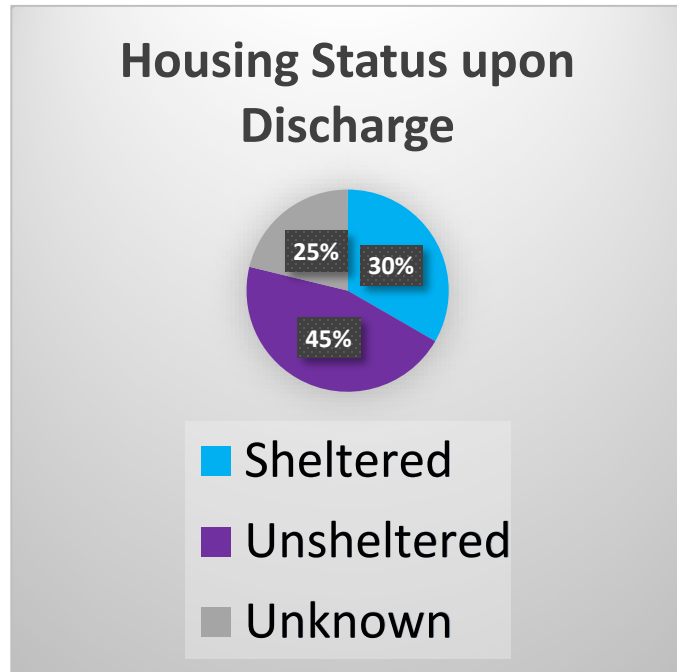
- Prevent Discharge to Street
- Reality Informed Treatment Plan
- Begin Continuity of Care with 1 Week Visit Post Discharge

# Street Medicine

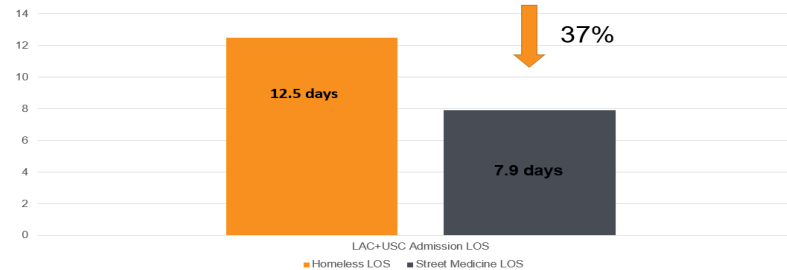
- Direct delivery of healthcare to the rough sleeping population (unhoused people)
- Care performed wherever patients are
- Distinct from Mobile Medicine
- Connected to the health system
- Done through walking rounds
- Mantra is “Go to the People”
- <https://www.streetmedicine.org/>



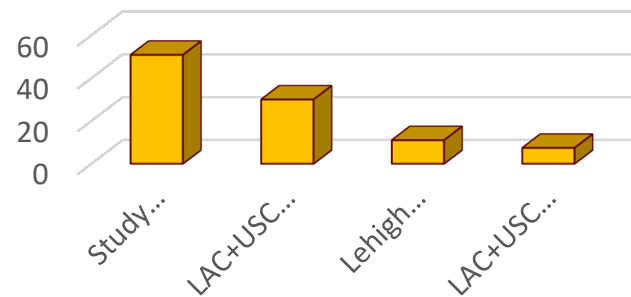
# Improved Outcomes for People and Systems



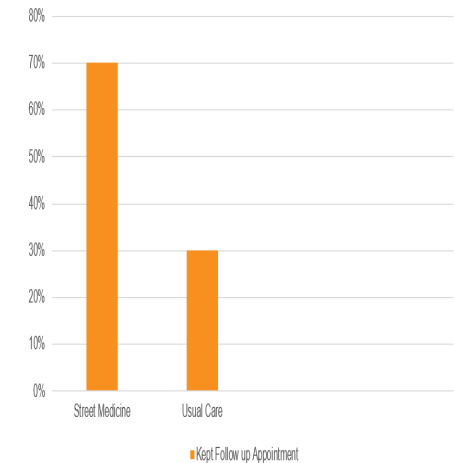
## 37% Reduction in Length of Stay



## 75% Reduction in Readmissions



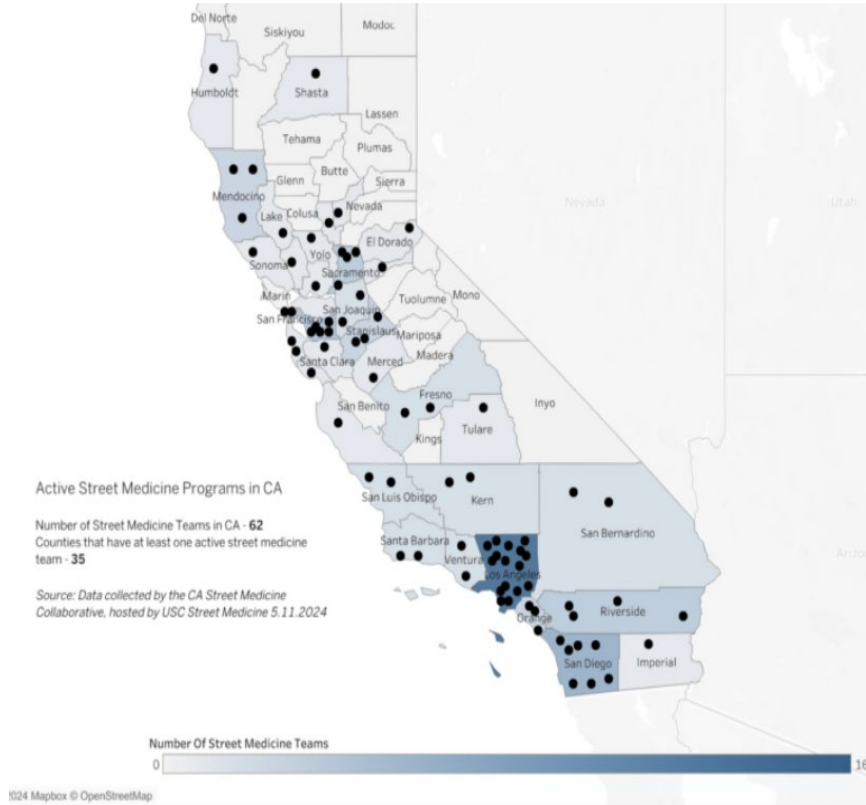
## 133% Improvement in Follow up Care



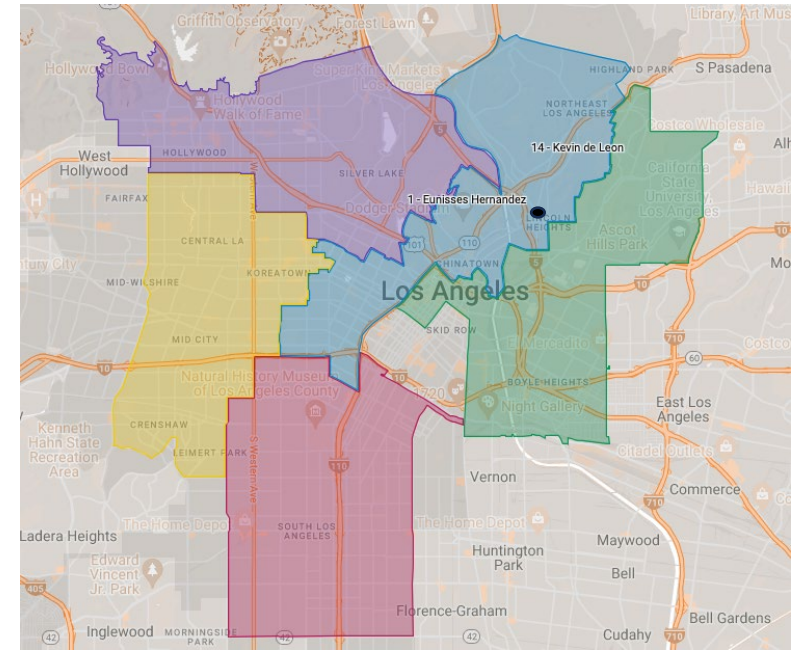
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# Growth in Street Medicine Teams Across California



## USC Street Medicine



- Eastside Team
- South LA Team
- Hollywood Team
- CD-1 Team
- Mid-City Team
- Los Angeles General Medical Center

Added psychiatry, MAT, case management, prenatal care...



# USC Street Medicine



Vision: All Unhoused People Have Access to Primary Care

# Conclusions

- Insurance doesn't equal access
- Street Medicine prioritizes Access, Continuity, Comprehensiveness and Care Coordination
- Family Medicine, with its broad scope, can make an impact on the most vulnerable in our community and help reduce downstream costs
- Health equity means investing resources for those with greatest need