



UNC Kidney Center Mobile Outreach Unit Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the KEOP MOU?

To help reduce the burden and presence of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in North Carolina by providing community-based

- Free CKD screenings
- Education and awareness activities

What are the most common uses of the MOU?

- Participation in community health fairs
- Promotion of kidney health among at-risk persons
- Nephrology follow-up clinics in high-risk communities without access to subspecialty care

How is the MOU outfitted?

2 lavatories, laboratory space, one examination room, storage, 2 refrigeration units, audio-visual equipment and seating.

Does the KEOP Mobile Outreach Unit (MOU) charge for its services?

No. The KEOP provides screenings to at-risk persons for free. However, we focus on high-risk counties to ensure that rural communities with high rates of end-stage kidney disease are provided access to free screenings and follow-up care. When traveling to metropolitan communities, the KEOP, when feasible, tries to partner with local agencies/foundations to obtain support to cover direct expenses such as screening supplies and fuel.

Can the MOU travel to counties outside the 17 focus counties?

Yes. The MOU is committed to reaching as many NC communities as possible. A 30-60 day notice is requested and pre-event awareness activities and promotions are conducted in partnership with a local host agency or group.

Does the MOU need access to utilities (power, water, lights)?

No, the MOU provides its own power and has a 55 gallon freshwater tank and a 55 gallon waste water tank. If available, the MOU can use a shore power outlet

How much space does the MOU require?

The MOU is 39 ft 11 inches long and 12 ft 10 inches high and weighs 33,000 pounds. Access to a stable and accessible parking area is necessary to ensure safe operation of the unit. Tree limbs and power lines can damage the unit's roof and sides; designated parking areas should be devoid of these elements and should be paved.

A health promotion billboard.

If a screening or awareness activity is to be conducted in a building or does not require the use of the MOU, the MOU can be requested as a promotional billboard to encourage participation in the event. In most instances, the MOU is open for public touring under these circumstances.

Can the MOU be requested by a primary care clinic or a health department?

Yes, if a PCP clinic operates in a community with a high prevalence of ESKD, the MOU can be located in close proximity of the clinic so that citizens can be referred for free screening and/or sub-specialty follow-up. A local health department can partner with the KEOP to host a screening and awareness event as well.

