A New Year and a New Home for a Famed Alabama HIV Clinic

The 1917 Clinic has offered HIV services in Birmingham, Alabama, since 1988.

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In with the new! Alabama's largest HIV care facility—the 1917 Clinic in Birmingham—has moved to a new location. Renamed the 1917 Clinic at Dewberry, the new site nearly triples the size of the clinic and offers clients an array of HIV services, including medical care, outreach, prevention and social services, according to an announcement from UAB Medicine.

Part of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, the clinic was founded in 1988 and is named after its original street address. It is now located on the second floor of 3220 Fifth Avenue South. For more details, including its operating hours, visit the 1917 Clinic site.

Our ribbon cutting for the opening of the new clinic location in January 2021!

Posted by The 1917 Clinic at UAB on Sunday, November 22, 2020

"The relocation of the 1917 Clinic is one that will dramatically increase the services we will be able to deliver to our patients, including a new, state-of-the-art environment in which we can provide outpatient care," said clinic director James Raper, PhD, CRNP, in the university announcement.

"Having been with the 1917 Clinic since it opened in 1988, I find it rewarding to see the remarkable progress that has been made in HIV care over the last three decades," said Michael Saag, MD, founder of the 1917 Clinic, in a previous article about the new space. "Now that the clinic is moving into new space, we're positioned to continue the progress into the future."

Saag made headlines earlier this year as noted in the article "Renowned AIDS Doctor Tests Positive for COVID-19." POZ highlighted the 1917 Clinic two years ago when it marked a major

milestone. For more, read “Trailblazing HIV/AIDS Clinic in Alabama Celebrates 30 Years.” In related news, Saag published a memoir in 2014 titled Positive: One Doctor’s Personal Encounters with Death, Life, and the US Healthcare System. Read a POZ interview with him about it here.

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