

# The Musician Treatment Foundation of Austin Texas Inc.

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MUSICIAN  
TREATMENT  
FOUNDATION  
KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING

# The Underserved Musician

Professional musicians have long been underserved patients

- An estimated 40% still lack adequate health insurance
- Average annual income is less than \$25,000
- Difficulty obtaining timely, affordable, and appropriate speciality care
- Cannot afford to pay for orthopedic surgery with or without insurance

At the same time professional musicians can experience upper limb issues from accidental injury, repetitive stress, or an underlying medical condition. These injuries can happen when they are at home or away from home on tour.



# MTF Mission

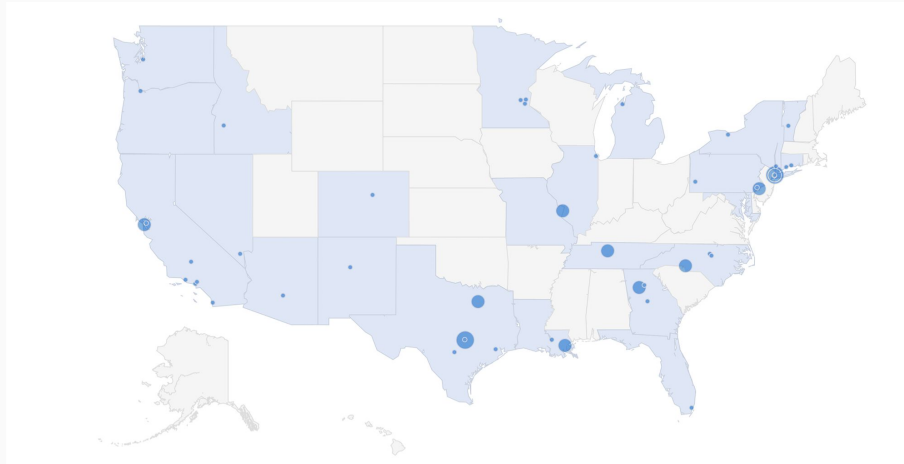
The Musician Treatment Foundation's core mission is to help provide free upper limb orthopedic care for eligible under- and uninsured professional musicians.

MTF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Austin that was created in 2017 to assist professional musicians here and across the country.



# MTF Approach: Physicians for Musicians

MTF created its own nationwide Physicians for Musicians network of >60 experienced orthopedic surgeons in >30 cities who will waive or significantly reduce their fees and allow beneficiaries access to care both at home and on the road regardless of insurance



# MTF Approach: Musician Eligibility

Basic eligibility criteria places little burden on beneficiaries:

- Professional musician status (shown by digital music, paper, social media, or website)
- Low or moderate income as shown in latest tax return ( $\leq 400\%$  FPL)
- Ability to travel to the office of one of our P4M doctors
- Payment of initial program fee of only \$25 or \$250

MTF makes referral to P4M doctor, manages costs charged if no insurance, and pays balances after insurance for care that is provided or recommended by the P4M doctor

Musicians seeking help may contact us at [CARE@mtfusa.org](mailto:CARE@mtfusa.org)



# MTF Impact

Since inception MTF has helped hundreds of musicians in Austin and other U.S. music cities receive surgical and nonsurgical orthopedic care for their upper extremities valued at over \$2,500,000

MTF has supported dozens of beneficiaries by promoting their music and performances through Musician Spotlights in MTF's newsletter, on MTF's website, and via social media

MTF has supported dozens of beneficiaries by including them in MTF benefit concerts



# MTF Supporters

MTF's Board of Directors includes distinguished professionals in business, journalism, law, and medicine as well as award-winning artists Elvis Costello and Diana Krall

MTF relies on all its supporters and nonprofit partners to spread the word to reach potential MTF beneficiaries to keep the music playing for us all

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