

USF MEDICINE INTERNATIONAL



Vision

Improve global healthcare.

Mission

Enhance global medical care through innovation and excellence in collaborative medical research, education and clinical practice.

At a Glance



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An Enhanced Education

As the nation's twelfth largest university, USF serves a culturally and linguistically diverse metropolitan area that has long-standing ties to the Caribbean and Latin America, as well as growing interests in India, China, Africa, and other parts of the world.

USF Medicine International has established the following partnerships with academic institutions, governmental, and non-governmental organizations abroad:

China

- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Gansu Provincial Health Department
- Jiangsu University

Ecuador

- Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Egypt

- Ain Shams University

Germany

- Albert Ludwigs University, Freiberg

India

- YRG CARE, Chennai
- Directorate of Medical Education and Research, Government of Maharashtra
- Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysore
- Medical College Baroda

Netherlands

- University of Groningen

Panama

- Universidad de Panama
- Universidad Latina de Panama

South Korea

- Yeungnam University College of Medicine

Thailand

- Srinakharinwirot University Faculty of Medicine

Venezuela

- Universidad de Carabobo



SCHOLARLY CONCENTRATION: INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE



In Their Words: Stories From Our Students

PANAMA

Partnering with a Peace Corps volunteer, 25 International Health Service Collaborative students visited the village of Oma in Comarca Ngobe-Bugle. In one week we helped construct 8 latrines and connect a very busy health clinic to an aqueduct. We also provided health education, medical care, sunglasses, and reading glasses to the community. We plan to continue to visit this area and identify long-term sustainable health projects.

- Krystle Hunt, MSIII

INDIA & BANGLADESH

I traveled to Leh, India to work with the HHE (Himalayan Health Exchange). We took buses and jeeps, then hiked through the Himalayas setting up temporary clinics for migrant workers and Tibetan refugees.

After India, I headed over to Bangladesh to work with the Center for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB), who discovered that more children under 18 died from drowning than all infectious causes. I worked with them to refine their Swim for Life program, which teaches 5-10 year old children to swim. It was truly a rewarding and life changing experience.

- Justin Sempstrott MSIV

THAILAND

At Srinakharinwirot University Hospital, we participated in home visits, worked in the community outpatient clinic, and assisted with consults and palliative care. We learned about health in the developing world versus the developed world and the impact of public health and social factors on overall health.

- Tania Velez, 2010 Graduate

SOUTH AFRICA

In Soweto, South Africa, I worked on a general internal medicine ward where greater than 90% of patients suffered from AIDS. Practicing medicine in Africa requires self motivation—when a hyponatremic patient needed normal saline for his IV, I had to go find it in another ward. If I hadn't, he would have received the same readily available hypotonic saline that he did the day before. It also takes creative problem solving to treat patients in resource-constrained nations.

I learned to be resourceful with medications to treat chronic diseases, and supplies to perform inpatient procedures such as a pleural tap. During the rotation, I attended some of their medical school lectures and grand rounds. The students, residents, and attendings were welcoming and excited to have students with different perspectives on their team!

- Asa Oxner, MSIV

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I went to the a rural part of the Dominican Republic with Project World Health, a student organization, and wanted to learn more about the country and its health practices. Through the Division of Infectious Disease's affiliation with Salvador Gautier hospital in Santo Domingo, I got the opportunity to see medicine practiced at a public hospital in a developing country.

The scholarly concentration leaders helped me to set up a research project on HIV and neurotoxoplasmosis. While there, I spent half a day working on the research project and the other half was spent shadowing the residents, going on rounds, and watching presentations. I also presented on infectious disease-related topics.

- Michelle Heck, MSII



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