Global Health at IU School of Medicine

The Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) offers a wide array of global health opportunities for students at all levels of training. In their first year, students can participate in either the Global Health or Medical Spanish small group discussion component of their Introduction to Clinical Medicine course. Between first and second year, students may travel on IUSM sponsored international trips to Kenya (Slemenda Scholars Program), Honduras (Honduras Language and Cultural Immersion Program), or even structure their own international experience from a catalog of experiences that IUSM students have done in the past. First and second year students also have the opportunity to participate in a short term international medical trip through the Alternative Spring Break Honduras project.

The international experiences offered in the clinical years at IUSM are truly outstanding. IUSM has a 20-year history of sending medical students, residents, and faculty to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya where they work side-by-side Kenyan medical students and staff. Unlike many other international electives, the IU Kenya program has IU faculty on the ground 365 days a year to help maximize the educational opportunities for students. Third and fourth year students may also travel to IUSM partner sites in Honduras, Mexico, and China for 1-2 months on international medical electives. Finally, students are welcome to arrange their own international elective experience nearly anywhere in the world, under the guidance of the “Healthcare in the 3rd World” elective faculty director.

Students at all levels of training may also attend the many lunch talks and advocacy events hosted by the Global Health Student Interest Group, Medical Spanish Group, and other medical student-led organizations. These medical students may also have the opportunity to participate in events hosted by the new IUSM Global Health Residency Track for residents in six disciplines: medicine, med/peds, ob/gyn, surgery, family medicine, and pediatrics. For more information about the many global health opportunities at IUSM, please check out the links below:

IU-Kenya/AMPATH

Honduras Language and Cultural Immersion Summer Program

ENLACE Third Year Family Medicine Clerkship in Honduras

Alternative Spring Break – Honduras

Student and Resident International Electives at IUSM

Global Health Student Interest Group

IU Global Health Residency Track

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