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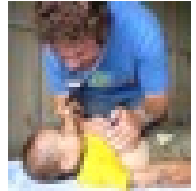
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President-Elect Wanted

Jacob Hauptman, PA-C, President, PAGH




At the end of May, PAGH wrapped up another successful annual AAPA conference, this time in Boston, Massachusetts. Whether it was in the House of Delegates, at our annual meeting, or at our booth in the exhibit hall, PAGH was well represented and garnered plenty of interest. Inside this edition of the Nexus are more details of the conference as well as a personal account of the conference from our alternate delegate, Sunshine McWhinney.

Even though the conference was a success, for the first time in the last 8 years, Physician Assistants for Global Health has not been able to welcome a new president. This is because we are still in need of a president-elect. As a volunteer-only organization we are sorely in need of one of our members to take the important step forward and become part of our board, helping to keep PAGH going!

In order to ensure that PAGH can continue to remain a functioning organization, I will be assuming the presidency for an additional year, however we need one of our members to step forward. If you have ever considered doing so, now is the time, when our need is the most. Although it is a 3 year commitment, it is an

incredibly rewarding role and whoever steps forward will have not only my full support for the entire 3 years, they will also have the support of the incredible PAs and PA students who make up the rest of the board.

Please consider volunteering for the president-elect position or, if you know of another physician assistant who might be interested, take the time and encourage them to step forward. Without that crucial role filled, PAGH cannot continue to grow and become a better service for our members. 



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Annual Conference Summary: PAGH at IMPACT 2014 - Boston, MA

Jacob Hauptman, PA-C, President, PAGH

At the end of May, the AAPA held another successful annual conference. With over 6,000 attendees at the conference, Physician Assistants for Global Health had a great opportunity to spread the word about our organization. Whether it was representing our organization at the House of Delegates or signing up new members in the Exhibit Hall, PAGH was in as many places as possible to ensure our organization is successful.

House of Delegates

From Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26th, PAGH had a presence in the House of Delegates (HOD), listening to the sometimes heated debates and eventually casting votes that we felt were in the best interest of the mission statement of our organization. The two official delegates were myself and one of our outstanding members, Sunshine McWhinney, PA-C who was actively engaged and passionate about the issues at hand. There were many resolutions brought forward and even the seemingly benign issues raised active discussion. The most passionate debate surrounded the official position of AAPA on firearms, however even with this debate, the delegates were able to reach a compromise. Other resolutions discussed included limiting the number of student delegates to the HOD as their numbers increase through the opening of new PA schools and altering the election process of some of the key members of the AAPA Board of Directors (the decision making body of the AAPA). In this issue of *Nexus* are the outcomes of the resolutions, or if you wish you can find the results on the AAPA website. As has been the case every year, participating in the HOD was a wonderful experience and is recommended for anybody who wants to see some of what goes on behind the scenes at AAPA. PAGH is looking for delegates for the 2015 HOD in San Francisco, so if you are interested please contact us.

Annual Meeting

On the evening of Sunday, May 25, PAGH held its annual meeting which featured a lecture by Jackie Lageman Borst, PA-C, on volunteering internationally. Ms Borst has started her own organization, International Impact Through Medicine, which currently focuses its efforts on Haiti and eventually

plans to provide care in Honduras. Her extensive helpful recommendations as well as her own personal experiences garnered a robust response from the PAs and PA students who attended the meeting. The rest of the meeting was taken up with the business of the PAGH including our goals for the upcoming year as well as reviewing the open positions at PAGH and discussing ways our members can become involved.

Exhibit Hall

On Tuesday May 27 and Wednesday, May 28, PAGH manned a booth at the main Exhibit Hall. There we were able to answer questions from the numerous PAs and PA students who came by our booth as well as sign up new members. Treasurer Britta Kolodziej, PA-C, helped run the booth both days and provided the electronic knowhow so that we could have new members sign up for membership on the spot. We also had the opportunity to meet some of our current members as well as other PAs who, although not members, related many personal stories of volunteering internationally.

Assembly of Representatives

Jenny Kluznik, PA-C, a former student representative for PAGH got us some time to speak in front of the Assembly of Representatives (the governing body of SAAAPA). The students had approved a resolution regarding international opportunities and many were not familiar with PAGH. We were able to give a 5 minute introduction on international opportunities and a brief background of PAGH.

Honorable Mention

Laura Erdman, PA-S, one of the two amazing PAGH student representatives, dedicated much of her time during the conference to helping out PAGH in many capacities including handing out flyers for our meeting, helping out at the annual meeting, and helping to set up the PAGH booth at the exhibit hall. We also received much-needed help from a new member, Jessica Fredeen, PA-C, who helped staff the booth in the exhibit hall and transport supplies. They both helped make the conference successful for PAGH! We thank them as well as all of our board members for their hard work and dedication to PAGH.





2014 Summary of Actions: AAPA House of Delegates

Jacob Hauptman, PA-C, President, PAGH



Resolutions marked with * are recommendations to the AAPA Board of Directors.

Resolutions marked with ** require AAPA Board of Directors ratification.

Resolution	Title	Action Taken
2014-A-01	Elect all BOD Members by the HOD	Rejected
2014-A-02	Elect President-elect & Secretary-Treasurer by the HOD	Rejected
2014-A-03	Elect Directors-at-Large by the HOD	Rejected
2014-A-04**	Meetings of the HOD	Adopted
2014-A-05**	Student Apportionment	Adopted
2014-A-06	Apportionment Changes with Maximum Limits	Rejected
2014-A-07**	BOD Elections – Conflict of Interest	Adopted as Amended
2014-A-08*	Access to Member Information for CO Membership Drives	Adopted on Consent
Agenda		
2014-A-09	Director of PA Services in the VA Central Office	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-A-10	Volunteer Membership Task Force	Rejected
2014-A-11	Public Relations	Rejected
2014-A-12**	Elections Process	Adopted
2014-A-13	Alternate Delegates	Referred
2014-A-14	Alternate Delegates 2	Referred
2014-A-15	Credentialing	Referred
2014-A-16	Credentials Committee	Adopted
2014-B-01	PAs as “Collaborative” Versus “Supervised” Medical Professionals	Rejected
2014-B-02	Role and Definition of a PA	Adopted as Amended
2014-B-03	Continuing Professional Development	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-B-04	Educational Opportunities	Adopted
2014-B-05	Media Violence	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-B-06	Time-Limited NCCPA Certification	Adopted as Amended
2014-B-07	Grandfathering of PAs	Rejected
2014-C-01	Firearm Safety and Reduction of Firearm Related Violence	Adopted as Amended
2014-C-02	Enforcement of Existing Gun Laws	Rejected
2014-C-03	Mandatory Background Checks	Rejected
2014-C-04	Illegal Transfer of Firearms	Rejected
2014-C-05	Penalties for Unsecured Firearms Used Illegally or That Cause Injury	Rejected
2014-C-06	Limiting Civilian Ownership of Rapid Firing Weapons	Rejected
2014-C-07	Observation Units as a Solution to Overburdened Emergency Departments	Rejected
2014-C-08	Obesity	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-C-09	Education of Patients on Childhood Obesity	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-C-10	Position Paper: Guidelines for the Physician Assistant Serving As an Expert Witness	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-C-11	Position Paper: Direct to Consumer Advertising	Adopted on Consent Agenda
2014-C-12	Position Paper: Improving Children’s Access to Health Care	Rejected Expiration & Referred



2014 Summary of Actions: AAPA House of Delegates *(continued)*

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Expired Policies

HP-3300.1.3 HP-3400.1.1 HX-4600.1.7

Reaffirmed Policies

HP-3200.3.1 HP-3500.1.3 HX-4300.1.1
 HP-3200.6.3 HP-3500.3.2 HX-4400.1.2
 HP-3300.1.9.0 HP-3500.4.1 HX-4400.1.3
 HP-3300.1.10.0 HP-3700.1.3 HX-4400.1.10
 HP-3300.1.13.1 HP-3700.1.4 HX-4500.8
 HP-3300.1.13.2 HP-3700.3.2 HX-4600.2.1
 HP-3300.1.13.3 HP-3800.1.2 HX-4600.2.2
 HP-3300.1.14 HP-3800.2.1 HX-4600.6.2
 HP-3400.2.3 HX-4200.1.4
 HP-3500.1.1 HX-4200.2.1

New Business: [2014-NB-01](#)

Line Number: 1815

Resolution of Commendation: [2014-COMM-01](#)

Line Number: 1823

Purpose: Commendation for R. Jeffrey Hulley

House Elections: [Results](#)

Line Number: 1845

Bolded text within a resolution indicates the amendments submitted and accepted during the reports of the reference committees on May 26, 2014.

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 William Reynolds, PA-C

Speaker
 First Vice Speaker
 Second Vice Speaker





Being an HOD Delegate at IMPACT 2014 - Boston, MA

Sunshine McWhinney, PA-C

Yippee! My first time attending the AAPA national convention, and I was thrilled to be going as a (alternate) delegate to the HOD, representing PAGH. Naive to the HOD process, I prepared by reading through the proposed resolutions several times. They seemed rather tame, perhaps even uninteresting, but with undaunted spirit I set off for my first trip to Boston.

Apparently this was a "low-biorhythm day", when one should not leave home. By the time my daughter arrived at the hotel for lunch and exploration of her new home-town, my left sacroiliac joint was screaming, and my suitcase had been ransacked by TSA. I'd incurred a laceration and hematoma below my left medial eye when trying to place my underwear in a cabinet. Could I dare leave the hotel to register and explore the city? Fortunately, the charms of Boston quickly grew on me as I ventured out each day to walk or ride "the T". The city proved to be a friendly multi-cultural society with great food, weather that changed by the hour, and lots of options for fun.

Early Saturday, after a very helpful orientation for new delegates, the formal process began and I was immediately hooked. Delegates from all over the country and varied organizations sat at row upon row of tables with small identifying banners - all here because they care about strengthening the future of the PA profession, and inherently, each individual physician assistant. The paramount desire to provide the best possible patient care ran as a sub-current through all the discussions, whether polite or heated.

During the first two days all resolutions have the option for debate if they are "extracted" for such, but if not, they become AAPA policy. For me this was addictively fascinating. For instance, should the "elder PAs" who helped pioneer our profession be grandfathered into NCCPA certification and never have to take the dreaded PANRE? While I was leaning towards "honoring the veteran", I heard arguments for the decades of experience versus keeping up with Evidence-based Medicine and not lowering the standards of

our profession. I remembered how easy it is to offer glib opinions when an issue lacks personal relevance and was glad to hear the considered discussion.

The debate regarding several resolutions offered to amend the current AAPA policy on Firearm Safety and Gun-related Violence was the most prolonged issue and became heated and emotional at times. PAs spoke eloquently on both sides, some feeling a stronger stance is needed to better protect our patients and society. Some argued just as strongly against PAs inappropriately becoming enforcers of gun laws, while others were fearful of disenfranchising their patients. My adrenalin was flowing and though I wished to join the queue I was not prepared. When speaking at HOD it's best to have notes, and to be both precise and concise.

On Monday morning our PAGH president Jacob encouraged me to sit "on the floor" to cast our votes. We had reviewed all of the updated committee recommendations supplied that morning and cemented the PAGH stance. In these last few hours delegates were allowed time for a final plea for their issue, or to offer an amendment that would keep their resolution alive. This led to some last-minute tension and emotion leading up to the voting, which was done by vocalizing Aye or Nay.

I highly urge all PAs to seize the opportunity if given a chance to participate as a delegate to HOD, if only once. This is a worthy process by an organization that is making strides to promote our profession. I live in Virginia where I never have to explain "what is a PA?", as we are well integrated and known to be collaborators with our physicians. Surprisingly, I discovered when applying for work in Boston area, such is not the case in that area of glorious hospitals and medical schools. We cannot take acceptance and understanding for granted. Participating in HOD has made me feel more connected to all PAs, but hey, that's because I'm an idealist. I know I will return, and perhaps sometime I will help to offer a resolution or amendment. I do have some ideas.....





Student Corner: Nicaragua

Alexandra Martinez, PA-S, Arcadia University Physician Assistant Program

I imagine this: Four days in Nicaragua as a physician assistant student treating 1,277 patients with conditions ranging from severe dehydration to parasitic infections to farm-related injuries—without the aid of blood tests or clean water.

That’s exactly what I did this past March with a team of 65, which included my 41 Arcadia University classmates and physicians, medical and nursing students from Penn State University. The medical mission to Mancotal, Nicaragua, was possible after we raised more than \$74,000 for the trip.

My name is Alexandra Martinez, and I am currently a dual degree Physician Assistant and Public Health student at Arcadia University in Philadelphia. Originally from New York City, I came to Arcadia to pursue international opportunities after working for eight years as a dental assistant in a predominantly underserved Latino community. As a Hispanic woman, my cultural and racial ties and experiences drive my pursuits to work with the underserved and international communities.

As future physician assistant with an undergraduate degree in biology from St. Francis College, I aspire to work in various countries where my expertise in both medical science and

public health serve as an asset in treating the health of individuals and whole communities alike.

My medical mission to Nicaragua has been a good start toward my goal. On our first day in Mancotal, we were greeted by

community members and welcomed with cultural dances and heartfelt gratitude for the journey we had embarked on. Their appreciation of the work we were doing was far more grandiose than we expected. For four days we

traveled two hours each way to a small school in Mancotal, where we set-up our clinic. The clinic, which included a women’s health room, a dental station, and a pharmacy, was made up of three triage stations and six consultation rooms. Together we treated countless patients with parasitic infections, cases of dehydration,



farm-work related injuries and unrelenting headaches. Our patient goal for four clinic days was 800: by the end, we had seen 1, 277 patients.

By the end of the fourth day, we had gained from the community more than they could’ve ever gained from us. While we provided them with basic medical care, they awarded us a new perspective on life that could never be repaid.



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Decreasing Healthcare Disparities: Safe Water Access


Ismah Jawed, PA-C

Hygienic sanitation and safe water are essential to global health. It is estimated by the World Health Organization that a tenth of global disease could be prevented by improving sanitation and access to safe drinking water. With safe water in place, each year 1.4 million child deaths from diarrhea, 860,000 from malnutrition, 500,000 deaths from malaria and 280,000 deaths from drowning could all be prevented. ¹

The World Health Organization and UNICEF recently published a 2014 update on drinking water and sanitation. Inequalities exist between urban versus rural populations, between countries and between ethnic groups. Urban populations often have better access to sanitation and water. Although there are disparities among urban areas as well, such as for those living in low income and informal settlements.²

Education is another factor contributing to the clean water disparity among populations as the prevalence of the practice of open defecation inversely correlates with education level. The most striking example is in Cambodia. 71% of

those without education practice open defecation whereas only 5% of those with higher education do the same.²

With some of these highlighted disparities, recommendations have been made to improve water, sanitation and hygiene. Rather than high-tech public health measures, simple frequent hand washing with soap and safe water have been highly effective and should remain a focus in public health education. Establishing simple latrines to prevent contamination also reduces water-borne infectious diseases. ¹ Such measures are resulting in positive change as seen from 1990 to 2012, when drinking water coverage increased in 87 countries while rural-urban disparity decreased. ² 

References

- 1) How does safe water impact global health? June 2008. World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/features/qa/70/en/>
- 2) Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation. (2014). World Health Organization and UNICEF http://www.wssinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/resources/JMP_report_2014_webEng.pdf


Nicaragua (*continued*)

This trip to Nicaragua was undoubtedly life changing; it allowed me to test my clinical and public health skills in a setting where neither blood tests nor clean water were available, pushing me to go the extra step in treating each



patient. Trips like this are what make the physician assistant profession unique in its versatility; we

can wear many hats, each ultimately improving patient outcomes.

My advice after being in Manctual is to take any international opportunity that presents itself. We live very differently than the rest of the world, and while that may be easy to understand on paper, it takes on an entirely different meaning when we actually experience it. It is a great time to be a PA, but it is an even better time to expand our knowledge base, experiences and people to worlds we wouldn't otherwise have known. 





Announcements

Welcome To Our New and Returning Fellow Members!

Emily Rall, Carol Heelan, Scott Deatn, Douglas Chee, Karyanne Cox, Kennard Beard, Urvi Mehta, Julie Cragholm, Eliza Nader, Heather Kohout, Dawn Durrell, Lindsay Hall, Cheryl Gregorio, Jennifer Silvia, Stacey Pratt, Jacob Warburton, Jennifer Avery, Jordin Marousis, Kelsey Bock.

Welcome To Our New and Returning Student Members!

Brittany Krantz, Amber Houge, Erica Dobos, Jennifer Umscheid, Gabriel Wofford, Jacob Mach, Aliza Steyn, Sarah Wills, Melissa Hohl, Martina Murialdo, Rebecca Soov, Colleen Webb, Kathryn Payseur, James O'Malley, Andrea Henne, Ellen Searles, Elizabeth Willetts, Cristen Norman, Ester Harris, Meghan Kingsley, Cristobal Fabian, Rachel Triassi, Bryan Wogen, Marc Geller, Melissa Wynne, Laura Livergood, Kaitlin Kelly, Danielle Burke, Kenneth Iwuafor.

PA INVEST 2014

October 30 - November 1, 2014. Amsterdam.

www.pa-invest.nl/en/Amsterdam_20_291.html

To celebrate their 10th anniversary the Dutch Association of Physician Assistants (NAPA) is inviting physician assistants and PA educators from around the world to participate in the international congress.

PAEA 2009 Survey on International Rotations

www.paeonline.org/index.php?ht=a/GetDocumentAction/i/143996

Volunteer Opportunities in Nepal

Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children, a non-profit in Nepal, invites volunteers come for 4 weeks, and allow 2 weeks of travel time to enjoy the region.

\$200/week donation to HRDC + \$200/week for food/lodging

www.hrdcnepal.org or email adminhrdc@ntc.net.np

B. P. Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital

is looking for PAs to be exposed to Pediatric Oncology

www.bpkmch.org.np or contact Earle Canfield at jecan314@gmail.com

ANSWER (American-Nepali Student and Women's Educational Relief)

www.answernepal.org or email jecan314@gmail.com



Announcements

Internship: ¡Soy Capaz! Educational Programs of Amazon Promise

Amazon Promise is a U.S. based, non-profit organization whose mission is to give essential medical care and provide education to alleviate suffering, save lives, and inspire hope in the poverty-stricken remote and urban communities of the Loreto province in the Peruvian Upper Amazon region. Since 1993, Amazon Promise has been organizing four to six medical interventions per year, each staffed by educators and medical and non-medical volunteers. The organization is headquartered in the jungle city of Iquitos, while its strategies are developed by the core Members in the United States. Through Amazon Promise, over 120,000 inhabitants of the most underserved parts of Peru have received education and medical care, and over 800 professionals have volunteered their time.

¡Soy Capaz! is the educational program of Amazon Promise that specializes in the prevention of transmittable infections, HIV in particular, and of other common diseases, such as diarrhea (with focus on personal hygiene and water treatment). Furthermore, we address domestic violence, alcoholism, and women's and reproductive rights. A new addition to our program is focus on the synergies between health-protection and environmental-protection behaviors.

¡Soy Capaz! is seeking an intern for strategic support of the program's operations, namely fundraising, grant writing and media outreach. The intern will work for the minimum of 20 hours/week for approximately 9 months, starting in fall 2013. Specific duties include:

- **Fundraising:** ¡Soy Capaz! relies solely on private contributions. We need funding for the existing educational and training activities, and in order to include new educational topics that have surged from our ongoing dialogue with the local communities. We also intend to broaden our social services for patients from the jungle areas. The intern will thus provide support to the program's **fundraising operations** through grant and other prospect research, grant writing, and drafting of donor correspondence.
- **Media Outreach and Communications:** The intern will develop and maintain the program's **media presence** by drafting press releases, by regularly featuring the program in social media (including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blog, etc.), and by working with alumni and friends to draft and place articles and commentaries in publications.

The intern will be asked to demonstrate the results of his/her funding research, produce large quantities of written text, and maintain the program's media presence on a weekly basis. All work will be conducted in close collaboration with Director of Educational Programs, Dr. Elena Deem, who will manage the intern, and under general supervision of the President of the organization.

While Amazon Promise is unable to offer compensation, **the intern will be invited to participate in one medical expedition in Peru.** Amazon Promise will waive **50%** of the trip fee, and **100%** provided the intern is fluent in Spanish (note: all travel expenses, e.g.; airfare to Peru/Iquitos, hotels and meals while in Iquitos will be the responsibility of the intern).

To be considered, send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and two letters of recommendation to elena@amazonpromise.org. No phone calls or inquiries, please. We cannot respond to every applicant, but you will hear from us if you are selected for an interview. For more information about Amazon Promise, visit the Web site at www.amazonpromise.org

Amazon Promise has been recognized for its long-term commitment and effectiveness to improving health in Peru. In March 2010, Amazon Promise President Patty Webster was named a *CNN Hero* (www.cnn.com/heroes) for her life-long dedication to providing desperately needed medical care and health education to vulnerable populations in Peru. The organization has been featured in the *Huffington Post*, the *Detroit News*, and *VIV Magazine*; promoted by the Portland Area Global AIDS Coalition; and past volunteers have received awards for their work with Amazon Promise, including the D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP Humanitarian Award.



Careers

Orthopaedics Physician Assistant, Scotland

Ortho PA needed in the NHS Hairmyres Hospital in East Kilbride, Scotland (30 min from Glasgow). For more information, send CV to gregoribub@aol.com

Peacework Medical Projects

is looking for a provider to staff their Ranquette, Haiti, medical clinic full-time alongside the permanent Haitian RN who works there. ANY DATES & ANY LENGTH OF TIME per their description! Please go to their website www.peaceworkmedical.com for more information and click the link "New Clinic Help!".

Clinical Associate Mentor, South Africa

American International Health Alliance, a government-funded non-profit that works in global health primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa, is actively recruiting **Clinical Associates Mentors** to serve in a 3-12 month placements in South Africa. Launched in 2008 by the South African Department of Health, Clinical Associates are similar to Physician Assistants and are dramatically increasing the number of mid-level medical professionals in the health workforce who are able to confront the country's immediate health needs.

The Volunteer Healthcare Corps began a South African Clinical Association Mentorship Program, providing US professionals (primarily physician assistants) with the opportunity to serve as mentors and clinical trainers of the students while they are in the district hospitals, often located in rural areas. This is an unique opportunity for highly skilled health professionals to directly apply their skills and expertise in a place that desperately needs it.

www.twinningagainstaids.org/documents/SouthAfricaCountrySnapshot07-09-12.pdf
Please contact Sara Adelman for more information about this post: sadelman@aiha.com

PA Editors wanted

PAEA's scholarly publication, *The Journal of Physician Assistant Education* (JPAE), is seeking editors for four features: Cultural Perspectives, Global Perspectives, Medical Director Dialogue, and Technology and Education. For more information, visit: <http://networker.paeaonline.org/2013/07/17/jpae-invites-applications-for-four-feature-editors>.

U.S. Department of State

Foreign Service Health Practitioners.

Currently, application period is closed, but sign up for email alerts.

http://careers.state.gov/specialist/vacancy-announcements/hp?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



Upcoming Medical Service Trips

Peacework Medical Projects

www.peaceworkmedical.com

Ranquitte, Haiti: September 2014 (12 days).

Non-medical positions also available
(rebuilding, security, interpreters, and more).

Flying Samaritans

www.flyingsamaritans.net

Frequent trips originating from California and Arizona to clinics
throughout Baja California, Mexico

Holy Rosary International Medical Mission

www.hrimm.org

Lima, Peru: July 5 – 19, 2014.

International Medical Relief

www.internationalmedicalrelief.org

Brazil: July 19-27, 2014

Kenya: August 1-10, 2014

Thailand Gulf: Sept 20-28, 2014

Myanmar: Oct 4-12, 2014

Uganda: Oct 25 – Nov 1, 2014

Indonesia: Nov 22-30, 2014

Haiti: Dec 27, 2014 – Jan 3, 2015



Volunteer Organizations

If you are aware of any trips or organizations that are looking for **PA volunteers**, please contact Olivia at obockoff@gmail.com. Please Note: it is not our desire to promote specific organizations only to connect PAs with opportunities and encourage professional philanthropy. This information is not an endorsement of these organizations.

Africa Cancer Care Inc - International opportunities with an oncology focus. www.africacancercareinc.org

Amazon Promise - Medical trips to portions of the Amazon Basin. www.amazonpromise.org

Benjamin Wellness Center - Opportunities in Gatamaiyu, Kenya. www.benjaminwellness.org

Christian Medical and Dental Assistance - www.cmda.org

Community Coalition For Haiti - need for medical professionals for 1-2 week trips to staff a primary clinic in Jacmel, Haiti. www.cchaiti.org

Exploration Logistics - Places PAs worldwide to serve as medical support for various expeditions. Positions include oil rigs and other industrial projects, etc. www.elgfze.com

FIMRC Global Health Volunteer Program - Opportunities in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, Costa Rica, India, and Uganda. www.fimrc.org

Flying Doctors of America provides medical assistance and hope to as many of the poor and needy as they are able to reach. Medical & dental teams to wherever the current need is. www.fdoamerica.org

Flying Samaritans Mexico - year-round for Baja California, Mexico. www.flyingsamaritans.net

Global Brigades - www.globalbrigades.org

Goabroad.com - Assists different professions with placement internationally. www.goabroad.com

Grounds for Health - Uses PAs in Africa, Mexico, Peru, Nicaragua. www.groundsforhealth.org

Health Horizon International - www.hhidr.org

Heal the Children - Ecuador, Haiti. Contact: jensorooni@gmail.com. www.healthchildren.us

Heart to Heart International - weekly trips to Haiti and Guatemala. www.hearttoheart.org

Holy Rosary International Medical Mission - www.hrimm.org

Hospitals of Hope - Bolivia, Haiti, and Liberia. www.hospitalsofhope.org

ICHA Outreach to fight Cardiovascular Disease - Ghana. www.ichaonline.org

International Medical Relief :Currently recruiting for a trip to Pakistan. Also trips to Asia, Africa, South & Central America, Eastern Europe. www.internationalmedicalrelief.org



Volunteer Organizations

Kenya Relief - www.kenyarelief.org

Lalmba - Lake Victoria in Kenya and in a rain-forest in Ethiopia. Goals are clinical medicine, coupled with public health, and working with local physicians. www.lalmba.org

Many Hands For Haiti - www.mh4h.org

Medical Missions Response - North Africa, Middle East, South/East Asia. www.mmronline.org

Mercy Ships - volunteer opportunities aboard "hospital ships". www.mercyships.org

Mountain Medics International - Cordillera Huayhuash, Peru. www.mountainmedics.org

Nunoa Project - two trips a year to Peru. www.nunoproject.org

NYC Medics - deployment to disaster zones and humanitarian emergencies. www.nycmedics.org

Omni Med - work focused in Uganda. www.omnimed.org

Operation Smiles: providing surgeries around the world. www.operationsmile.org

Palmetto Medical Initiative - www.palmettomedical.org

Panama Global Connections - www.panamaglobalconnections.com

Peacework Medical Projects - www.peaceworkmedical.com

Physicians for Peace - work in Central/South America, Africa, Asia. www.physiciansforpeace.org

Project HOPE - land-based and ship-based care to regions around the world. www.projecthope.org

Rotations and Courses Internationally - www.gorgas.dom.uab.edu and www.cugh.org

The Carolina Honduras Health Foundation - Limón, Honduras. Active clinic, frequent need for medical volunteers. www.carolinahonduras.org

The Damien House - Leprosy in Guayaquil, Ecuador - <http://thedamienhouse.org/aboutus.html>

Timmy Global Health - looking for volunteers year-round. www.timmyglobalhealth.org

US Doctors For Africa - utilizes PAs for Africa work. www.usdfa.org

Volunteer Kenya / ICODEI - accepting PA volunteers year-round - www.volunteerkenya.org

WellShare International - www.wellshareinternational.org

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