



Faculty and Student Contacts at Upstate interested in Global Healthcare Experiences.

Responses to a Survey sent Student and Faculty. It asked if they had participated in a foreign healthcare experience, expected to do so again, and thought their experience an opportunity for other faculty or students.

Fifty-one replies were received in which ~37 had international healthcare experience. Others simply wished to be on a mailing list of further discussion on the subject. All have agreed to have their contact information posted for the Upstate community.

The responses have been edited slightly for brevity and clarity.

Last name	First Name	Department	Experience
Alao	Adekola	Psychiatry	I am from Africa, did medical school in Africa and residency in psychiatry in UK. I still participate in medicine in S. Africa regularly and think it might be of interest to students. Adekola Alao MD AlaoA@upstate.edu
Arntson	Nicole	CVP	810.423.3694. Interested. ArntsonN@upstate.edu
Aubry	Richard	Ob/Gyn	People-to-People Ambassador to Cuba. 10 days with 30 healthcare professionals (along with David Gagnon, Paul Fuller, Judith Barriero) studying low infant mortality which Cuba has achieved. I have a Powerpoint on the trip, although I think the trip is probably not repeatable in the present political climate. AubryR@upstate.edu
Badawy	Shawky	Ob/Gyn	I have been participating in International programs in Egypt, and also giving presentations to some of the universities. In these scientific meetings, many people attend to discuss their scientific views. The participants include Professors, Residents, and others. I have been successful in attracting some Fellows (sponsored by their government) to come here and complete thesis for their Ph.D. degree. It's a personal effort on my part to help my colleagues in Egypt. I don't know if there is an exchange student program with Egypt.
Bearman	Joe		I had 2 visits to Santa Cruz, Bolivia providing care to indigent children in clinics run by 2 international organizations: Curamericas and The Healthy Child Foundation. The second time I took a peds resident and 2 medical students from Upstate. It was a very hands-on experience, challenging, and eye-opening for the young doctors. I am still in contact with them and they

			would be eager for another visit. This experience would be of great interest to other students. A wonderful project for Upstate would be to involve itself with the Children's Hospitals both in Santa Cruz and Montero, the small city I worked in. Joe Bearman,MD 637-5747 joebearman@msn.com
Bert	Benjamin	2008	I was involved with the Tibet Vision Project (www.tibetvisionproject.org) during my sophomore year at UCLA. The project provides free cataract surgery to the Tibetans and trains Tibetan doctors so that they can hold eye camps independently. Cataracts are one of the leading causes of preventable blindness in the area. So, the service they provide directly contributes to the Tibetans' quality of life. I went as a clinical researcher to see how the Tibetan doctors, who had been trained by the project, were performing. I used an auto-refractor-keratometer to measure the refraction and astigmatism that resulted post-operatively. I actually haven't had the opportunity to participate again. It required me to miss a full quarter of school, so I no longer have the time resources to travel to Tibet again. This experience might be available to faculty and students but would depend upon the doctors who run the project, Melvyn D. Bert, MD FACS and Marc Lieberman MD. My phone: (315) 657-2970
Brown	Lawrence	Emergency Medicine	Visiting professorships/lecturing/research presentations/professional meetings. I still participate in this and it might be available to students, primarily if they participate in research projects. I also travel a fair bit just for kicks, but there might be opportunities to involve students/residents/faculty in appropriate activities. I also refer you to a program called "EF" which runs educational international tours. I don't know if they do health/medicine specific tours, but am sure that they could. (My sister is a sociologist who does religious-studies related tours with them.). 464-6227
Buchan	Debra	Internal Medicine	I practiced on Oahu for 4 years (1991-1995), precepting U. Hawaii medical students on the wards and in the clinic. I still have contacts there. I highly recommend that Upstate students consider an elective in Hawaii, especially this time of year (Winter). The John A Burns School of Medicine (U Hawaii) offers electives for visiting students. One of the electives is on a remote Pacific island. An interested student should visit their website. buchanD@upstate.edu
Callahan	James	Pediatrics	I helped set up 3 Pediatric Emergency Departments in Bulgaria including traveling to Bulgaria for site visits and conducting training as well as training Bulgarian personnel here in the States. This was done through a grant from USAID while I was a fellow and faculty member at U of Penn. However, the opportunity is no longer available. 464-6210
Carter	Cindy	Psychiatry	I am a new member of the faculty in Child Psychiatry,

			and although I do not have any medical experience internationally, I was an exchange student in HS to Ecuador and am interested in child psychiatry from an international perspective.
Cronkright	Peter	Internal Med.	Interested. 464-1791
D'Agostino	James	Emer Med	Mailing list
Dawson	Beth	2009	Interested. IFMSA Operation Liaison.
Dewan	Mantosh	Psychiatry	I am in Bombay on an annual "Visiting Professorship". I teach and have set up a research collaboration with several papers published on data from here. I'm sure we could accommodate students or faculty with an interest in Psychiatry [or anything else with some effort]. Mantosh Dewan, M.D. Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry 315-464-3105
Dolbear	Gail	Ob/Gyn	Last trip Mongolia, next trip Afghanistan. For next trip must be female only, personal safety cannot be guaranteed. Invitation only. WHO national conferences, Training for ob/gyn faculty at the national medical schools. Not direct patient care-related. 470 7660 Ob/Gyn @ Crouse
Famiglietti	Maureen	Pediatrics	I am an RN and have worked for 7 years with Dr. Leonard Weiner as the study coordinator for Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials (PACTG) we conduct here. In the last year, the PACTG has begun expanding clinical trial work into Brazil, Haiti, South Africa and Thailand. I am waiting for an opportunity to travel, probably to South Africa to provide assistance to a site beginning to conduct studies with HIV infected children and pregnant mothers. At this point, most of the visits are short, 1 or 2 weeks at most and are not predictable as to when they will occur. As I haven't yet gone, I probably can't offer a lot to a student in terms of real life experience. But we are always happy to talk with a student about our clinical trials work and how it is expanding to international sites. Maureen Famiglietti, Pediatric Infectious Disease, 464-9441, famiglim@upstate.edu
Haere	Mohammed	Graduate Student	I graduated from medical school in Tehran-Iran, and then practiced medicine for 5 years. I was also involved in health care issues in my country and did some teaching. This experience could be available for students or faculty. 464 9886
Gurien	Lori	2011	Interested. Local IFMSA Exchange Officer
Hahn	Peter	Radiation Oncology	We have been trying to organize a clinical experience for my son (MS1) in Guatemala this summer. My family has a house in the Guatemalan highlands. The highland Mayan Indians are poor and in desperate need of all sorts of health care. We have identified several opportunities for medical students. I am sure this could be available for others. Peter Hahn (464-5956) hahnp@upstate.edu
Holsapple	James	Neurosurgery	Interested.
Kaplan	Eugene	Psychiatry	Visiting professor in London, guest lecturer in Nepal,

			India, most recently 2001- 464 3105
Kellman	Robert	ENT	I've been doing a fair amount of overseas lecturing as part of an educational foundation called the AO (Arbeitsgemeinschaft fur Osteosynthesefragen). I've lectured in Japan, Thailand, Switzerland, Canada and Spain. kellmanr@upstate.edu
Lehmann	David	Internal Medicine	Taught pharmacology in Nepal until problems at the medical school there and civil war made it untenable. Hope to return. lehmannnd@upstate.edu
Narsipur	Sri	Internal Medicine-Pediatrics	During my 4 th year of medical school, I did rotations in Nepal. They were fun and educational in the sense that it opened my eyes to different health care systems. The medical college in India seems organized and I think they would take students for rotations, but I do not keep in touch with them. It might be even more valuable for students to spend time in the 3rd world WITHIN the US (rural south, inner Baltimore, etc.), as it is much more likely that they will continue that relationship and maybe even help in their future careers. I wish I had spent some time in Canada as well so I could better understand that health care system when we talk about re-vamping our own.
O'Brien	Joan	Radiation Therapy	I was educated in radiation therapy in Zimbabwe, and worked in Denmark before coming to the US (radiation therapist education has been going on in Africa long before it started in the US!) Joan E. O'Brien MEd, RT(T) Chair, Dept. of Radiation Therapy Associate Dean College of Health Professions (315) 464-6937 obrienj@upstate.edu
Olson	Bradley	Pediatrics	I recently returned from a week in El Salvador providing pediatric services to 5 very rural communities across El Salvador. This was the first time I have ever done anything like this but I have now been bitten by the bug and intend to go back to El Salvador as often as possible. This trip was organized through the Episcopal Dioceses of central New York. Another effort that was a part of this trip was developing a cottage industry of hand embroidered surgical scrubs and lab coats that the women in the two most remote villages sewed. These are beautiful with typical El Salvadoran designs and vibrant colors. I have examples that I intend to sell in pediatrics. This project could easily be expanded with Upstate and would make a huge difference in a country where the average monthly income is \$140 per month. I would be happy to promote this trip as it evolves. At present I think it will be a yearly trip. What I could easily see happening would be for the cottage industry to expand and I would be happy to promote this aspect of the work in El Salvador. Bradley G. Olson, MD

			Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Department of Pediatrics Ph: 315-464-4357 Fax: 315-464-2030
Prayaga	Sastri	Internal Medicine	After my board certification I worked for 2 and half years in India, and also in a teaching hospital in New Zealand for 6 months. I mentored medical students in my clinic and hospital practice. An experience in India can certainly be arranged and of great interest as you have opportunity to learn things you can never learn in USA. 464-5774 (off), 652-0356 (home)
Qin	Jin	2010	Interested. Local IFMSA Exchange Officer.
Recker-Hughes	Carol	Phys. Ther.	Interested
Reed	David	Emergency Medicine	I have a very strong personal interest in international medicine and would be eager to participate in institutional efforts to promote medical students and resident's exposure to the practice of medicine from a global perspective. This year will be my fifth year of work at St Jude's Hospital in Vieux Fort, St Lucia. I take two senior emergency medicine residents to this small Caribbean island hospital for a two week elective experience where we deliver emergency care to the St Lucian population in a relatively primitive practice environment. Outstanding exposure to advanced disease states, and unique diseases such as tetanus, dengue fever, and a great deal of penetrating and blunt trauma. I would likely be able to include one or two 4th year medical students with strong clinical skills. This annual trip is ongoing and up until now has been supported with funds from the Dept of Emergency Medicine. In Nov, 2004 I spent two weeks in Bombay and Bangalore, India working with indian physicians who are attempting to develop the specialty of emergency medicine into their medical system. A 2nd year EM resident accompanied me and presented research at the Bombay meeting. The St Lucia is an on-going annual event that might be of interest to other faculty and students. However should best be reserved for students with strong interest and clinical skills. David Reed, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine, Upstate Medical University reedd@upstate.edu
Rochford	Rosemary	Micro/Immuno	We are interested in determining the etiology of endemic Burkitt's lymphoma, the most common childhood cancer in Equatorial Africa. Epstein-Barr virus and Plasmodium falciparum are co-factors in the etiology but the mechanisms of their interaction is unknown. To address this question, we have established a research program in collaboration with the Kenyan Medical Research Institute in Kisumu,

			Kenya. 464-5468
Ryan	Allyson	PhysTherapist	Mailing list
Sadeghi	Rokhsanna	20010	Interested. IFMSA President at Upstate
Schprintzen	Robert	ENT-Peds	<p>Have traveled, and continue to do this in a number of ways. First, I have been a fairly regular guest lecturer overseas, often spending several weeks assisting with programmatic issues. Most recently, I have done this in Italy, Israel, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa and Taiwan. More importantly, we are in the process of forming an International Consortium for the study and treatment of velo-cardio-facial syndrome and related disorders. This consortium will involve Upstate, Schneider Children's Medical Center in Tel Aviv, Te University of Geneva in Switzerland, and the Mater Hspital in Brisbane, Australia. These efforts are combined with development projects for philanthropic giving and research dollars. This experience should well be of interest to other faculty and students.</p> <p>Dr. Robert J. Shprintzen, Director Center for the Diagnosis, Treatment, & Study of Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Upstate Medical University Phone: 315-464-6590 or 464-4806 shprintr@upstate.edu</p>
Shaw	Andrea	2009	Interested. National Officer of IFMSA Research Exchange.
Smulyan	Harold	Internal Medince	I spent a year in Oxford England at the old Radcliffe Infirmary doing some teaching, working in clinics and mostly research. This was 30 years ago but still have some connections at the new John Radcliffe Hospital. I also spent 6 months in Paris at Hopital Broussais 8 years ago. This was almost entirely in research, but many of my colleagues are still active at their new hospital and at other hospitals in the city. I am still in contact with many of them and am still collaborating on papers and projects. 464 5663
Spring-Mills	Elinor	Cell &DB	Interested
Stearns	Susan	Cell &DB	Interested
Sweeney	Dawn	Anes/Peds	<p>I have been on a number of mission trips to foreign countries. I have been to Belize, CA on seven occasions with a small group from Cincinnati (I used to work at Cincinnati Children's). I work as a Pediatrician on these trips, and go to health clinics in various villages. Most of what I see on these trips would be similar to that seen in a walk-in clinic or outpatient office. There is some interest in developing educational programs for the village schools which could potentially be a student endeavor. There is also a construction team which helps to maintain the clinics, build additions, paint or do any other necessary work. Everyone pays for their own expenses on these trips. In addition to the trips to Belize, I have been to Jordan, Morocco, Nicaragua, China and Venezuela as a pediatric anesthesiologist with Operation Smile, Rotaplast, and Face-to-Face. I am sure that all of these</p>

			<p>organizations must have some policy regarding students, but I do not know any specifics. I have a number of residents from the department of anesthesiology who are interested in participating on such trips. I am not sure if residents and students would be required to pay their own expenses, but the expenses for physician volunteers varies between the groups.</p> <p>I just got back from Belize a few weeks ago, and I hope to go on an anesthesia mission this fall. There is a pediatrician from this area who is planning to join the trip to Belize next year. It would be possible for a student to join us, particularly one who might be interested in educational activities. These activities would not need to be confined to pediatrics. For example, a health fair could be planned for a couple of villages, etc.</p> <p>Depts. of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics Pager: 441-6582 Office: 464-4720 dsweeny@twcny.rr.com or sweeneyd@upstate.edu</p>
Trief	Paula	Psychiatry	<p>I have presented papers at a state psychological association meeting in Australia. This experience could also be available to students.</p> <p>464.3121</p>
Wabrek	Alan	Population Based Med	<p>Interested. Virtually 100% of my foreign experience has been lecturing and not clinical.</p>
Wiezalis	Carl	Respiratory Therapy	<p>Long experience in working with respiratory therapy professionals in other countries. Would like an organized SUNY-wide initiative for organizing such international collaborations.</p>
Worral	Priscilla	Nursing	<p>Have presented research papers in St Thomas, USVI; Dublin, Ireland; Toronto & Montreal, Canada. Have not had the opportunity to-date to conduct research or teach more than a workshop. I mention it because I am interested in participating in an exchange program in my role as coordinator of nursing research at University Hospital. We have few resources at Upstate to develop a research presence in nursing. An exchange program that includes doctorally prepared nurses at University Hospital as well as those at the College of Nursing would enrich all parties and might raise campus awareness of nursing research.</p> <p>Priscilla Sandford Worral, PhD, RN 464-4405</p>
Wright	Jonathan	Internal Medicine	<p>I recently was in China and met with a breast cancer patient and doctor in Guiyang, Ghuizhou province and visited 2 hospitals there - no follow-up with them planned however. Not sure when I'll be back.</p>
Zhou	Joey (Yi)	20011	<p>Interested. Local IFMSA Research Officer.</p>