

## Resources for integrating global health into your career

Working in global health doesn't necessarily mean working or volunteering overseas—there are many different ways pediatricians can contribute in a meaningful and effective way to improving global health, with and without leaving home. Many pediatricians will start on the path to do so early in their careers, and others will contribute later in their careers, or even choose global health work as an “encore career.”

Listed below are strategies to help you build some form of global health work into your professional life. Under each suggestion are a number of resources to help get you started. Every pediatrician will take a slightly different path, and activities you choose will vary depending on your age and stage (professionally and personally), your interests, and skills.

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### **1. Investigate your local university or medical school's global health programs**

- Many medical schools and larger training hospitals now have a Global Health (GH) program or department (or someone overseeing global health electives). Find out what exists in your area and let them know of your interest. Such affiliations can lead to mentoring possibilities, and opportunities to work abroad with partner institutions. For those not affiliated with programs/hospitals/universities that have global health electives and/or tracks, consider starting one at your institution. Workshops at recent Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) and Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) meetings (see below) have focused specifically on how to do this.  
For more information, contact Donna Staton, MD [dstaton@massmed.org](mailto:dstaton@massmed.org)
- There is a **Global Health Curriculum Toolkit** on the AAP SOICH website, with many helpful documents used by programs with established GH programs that can be adapted for use at your institution.  
<http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/toolkit.htm>
- See this issue of *Academic Medicine*: Feb 2008, Vol 83, Issue 2. The entire issue is devoted to global health projects at universities, with ideas on how to start. Free online:  
<http://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/toc/2008/02000>
- The **APPD** (Association of Pediatric Program Directors) is the organizational home for the **Advisory Group for Global Health in Pediatric Resident Education**. This group is comprised of the directors/leaders of global health programs at pediatric residencies nationwide. Goals of the advisory group include optimizing resident education in global health, providing resources for preparing residents for overseas electives, and advocating that essential global health content be included in the training of all pediatric residents. The group meets regularly at the annual spring meeting of the APPD, and often also meets at the PAS and AAP NCE (National Convention & Exhibition) meetings; new participants are welcome. Leading this effort are:  
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- **Global Health Learning Opportunities (GHLO**, pronounced “glow”). For those working with students and residents, this web-based project of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) may be of help. This service facilitates clinical and research elective rotations globally for final year medical students, using a common application. GHLO aims to be the premier GH educational exchange program by providing a global network that facilitates educational mobility for health professionals. There are 8 US medical schools and 15 non-US medical schools so far participating. To learn how your institution can participate, and for more general info: [www.aamc.org/ghlo](http://www.aamc.org/ghlo) or email [ghlo@aamc.org](mailto:ghlo@aamc.org)

## 2. Join your professional organizations' GH sections/interest groups/committees

Modest membership dues are worth it! Membership connects you to a community of like-minded pediatricians via list serves, email announcements, newsletters, meetings, etc. Learn how others have gotten started in global health and about the variety of projects to which you can contribute.

- **AAP Section on International Child Health (SOICH)** <http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich>  
Website contains newsletters and activities of the section. Listserv is great resource for getting answers to questions and learning what others are doing. Many ways to participate without leaving home:
  - mentoring projects overseas or reviewing grants (I-CATCH)
  - planning educational programs and CME events
  - selecting resident travel grant recipients
  - sharing information on working in resource-limited settings
  - contributing to resident global health curricula and advocating for inclusion of global health in resident education

See website to join, or call AAP at 800-433-9016 for application.

Contact Dr. Donna Staton (past SOICH chair) for details on any of the above: [dstaton@massmed.org](mailto:dstaton@massmed.org)

- **Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Special Interest Group (SIG) on International Health**  
Especially for those interested in academic global health education and research. This group meets annually in the spring at the PAS meetings with an educational program.  
See website: [http://www.ambpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig\\_int\\_health.cfm](http://www.ambpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_int_health.cfm).
- Your **State Chapter of the AAP** and **your State Medical Society** may have a global health committee—if not, consider starting one. It's a good way to learn about the international work your local/regional colleagues are doing and how you might contribute.
- **International Child Health Group** A Specialty Group of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), with membership open to everyone with a professional interest in advancing child health internationally (analogous to SOICH of the AAP). Advocacy, conferences, newsletters and a registry of those willing to mentor pediatricians giving service overseas. [http://www.ichg.org.uk/index\\_activities.php](http://www.ichg.org.uk/index_activities.php)

For those with a particular interest in **disaster relief work or emergency preparedness**:

- Learn about the AAP **Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC)**  
<http://www2.aap.org/disasters/advisory-council.cfm>
- Join the AAP **Disaster Preparedness Contact Network** <http://www2.aap.org/disasters/network.cfm>  
This network has a listserv and newsletter; the AAP often needs pediatricians with expertise in disaster response for advice and occasionally for relief work (e.g. Haiti earthquake). For more info contact Laura Aird at the AAP: [laird@aap.org](mailto:laird@aap.org)

Authors of the Pediatric Education in Disasters Manual have graciously made available, free online, its entire modular course:

**PEDS: Pediatric Education in Disasters Course** (Complete course of 10 superb modules on pediatric needs in disaster in resource poor settings, English and Spanish versions)

<http://www2.aap.org/disasters/peds.cfm>

Also available at this website is the complete **Colorado PEDS Manual**, a modified 8 module version applicable for disaster settings here in the US.

- **AAP Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM)** <http://www2.aap.org/sections/pem/default.cfm>  
See website for link to the PEM Network: [www.pemfellows.com](http://www.pemfellows.com) which has a section on “International PEM” or iPEM, which provides information on PEM conferences related to work overseas, opportunities to work abroad, and more.
  - **PEM Network** [www.pemfellows.com](http://www.pemfellows.com) Pediatric Emergency Medicine Network of the AAP Section on Emergency Medicine. See the international section (iPEM) pages of their website for resources, conferences and opportunities to work abroad.
- **Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)** <http://www.saem.org> Searching international emergency medicine on their site yields list of EM programs with international tracks or fellowships.
- **International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM)** <http://www.ifem.cc> A federation of national emergency medicine organizations. Holds an annual symposium facilitating global partnerships in emergency medicine.
- **American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)’s Section on International Emergency Medicine**  
One of ACEP’s largest sections, with over 1000 members. <http://www.acep.org/InternationalSection>

### ***3. Join and utilize resources from national global health education groups***

- **Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)\*** [www.cugh.org](http://www.cugh.org) 60+ member universities (and growing) dedicated to defining/shaping GH education, improving and sharing GH curricula and projects, developing guidelines for faculty and student overseas partnerships/placements, coordinating projects between resource-rich universities and those developing their resources.  
\* FYI, GHEC, the Global Health Education Consortium, and CUGH merged in 2013.

### ***4. Inquire about regional global health consortiums in your area (these are just a few)***

- Collaborations often arise post-disaster, as with the earthquake in Haiti. For example:
  - St. Louis University, UMass Memorial Medical Center, University of Minnesota and Wayne State coordinate to send faculty to Hôpital de l’Université d’État d’Haïti (HUEH) in collaboration with the Haitian Pediatric Society and faculty there. For more information: Dr. Patricia McQuilkin, [Patricia.McQuilkin@umassmemorial.org](mailto:Patricia.McQuilkin@umassmemorial.org) or Dr. Gary Albers, [albersgm@slu.edu](mailto:albersgm@slu.edu).
  - Akron Children's is coordinating efforts with Brown, UMass and UMN to help provide staffing for St. Damien’s in Port-au-Prince. For more information: Dr. Jeffrey Kempf, [jkempf1@chmca.org](mailto:jkempf1@chmca.org).
- **Midwest Consortium of Global Child Health Educators**  
Global health faculty and staff in Pediatrics and Family Medicine are coordinating efforts from University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, Northwestern University, Medical College of Wisconsin, Rainbow Babies’ and Children’s Hospital, Cleveland, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.  
Contact: Dr. Nicole St Clair, [nstclair@mcw.edu](mailto:nstclair@mcw.edu)
- **Heartland Global Health Consortium** Iowa colleges/universities. <http://www.heartlandconsortium.org/>
- **Triangle Global Health Consortium** <http://triangleglobalhealth.org/page/signature-programs>  
North Carolina universities, NGOs and business partners as well.
- **The Galveston Global Health Consortium** <http://www.utmb.edu/ghc/admin/>  
A collaborative of the University of Texas Medical Branch’s schools, centers and institutes.

### ***5. Join/support a global health nongovernmental organization (NGO) or advocacy group***

- **Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)** [www.hvousa.org](http://www.hvousa.org) This Washington based NGO places volunteers from a multitude of specialties in short term assignments, both clinical and teaching. Just being a member helps support this AAP sponsored organization, even if you don’t volunteer. Anyone, member or not, can sign up to receive a GREAT monthly HVO email newsletter called *The Net Connection*; especially good for sharing with colleagues in other medical specialties, as well as nurses, physical therapists, nurse anesthetists. To view current issue, go to the website and click News & Publications. Email [info@hvousa.org](mailto:info@hvousa.org) to subscribe (free). Membership is \$150 for physicians, \$40 for those in training, well worth it!

- **Global Health Council (GHC)** [www.globalhealth.org](http://www.globalhealth.org)  
Washington DC based advocacy group, with resource laden website and weekly email newsletter, annual conference; membership open to individuals and organizations. Members also have access to the GHC's **Global Health Career Network** for job searching and job posting.
- **Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC)** <http://globalemergencycare.org>  
A 501(c)(3) non-profit, this group of emergency medicine physicians is dedicated to addressing emergency care shortages in a sustainable fashion. Members of GECC work with health professionals currently providing patient care at established hospitals in developing countries. By performing assessments of community needs, working alongside medical practitioners, and directly caring for patients, GECC strives to improve access to emergency care for the local people by training local providers and introducing appropriate medical technology. In addition, GECC physicians have developed a training course in emergency medicine for local providers. They are looking for ER trained staff and senior residents to join their efforts in Uganda and other sites.
- Consider supporting advocacy and relief organizations in your charitable giving; local, national or international groups all need support (these are just a few):
  - **Amnesty International** [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org) or [www.aiusa.org](http://www.aiusa.org)
  - **Oxfam International** [www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org) or [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)
  - **Physicians for Human Rights** <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org>
  - **International Rescue Committee** <http://www.theirc.org/>
  - **Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF)** <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>
  - **Catholic Relief Services** <http://www.crs.org/>
  - **Mercy Corps** <http://www.mercycorps.org/>
  - **UNICEF** <http://www.unicef.org>
  - **World Vision International** <http://www.worldvision.org/>
  - **American Jewish World Service** <http://ajws.org/>
- Volunteer locally with NGOs based in your area. Examples include large international groups with local offices near you, as well as truly local projects like sister city or twinning projects, international projects undertaken in your local schools, projects connected with faith-based organizations in your town, and projects at your hospital or teaching program. Below are just a few examples:
  - **ReSurge International** (formerly Interplast) is an NGO that sends surgical teams to partner sites in the developing world for short-term work. Pediatricians, surgeons, anesthesiologists are needed. HOWEVER, one can volunteer at their offices in Mountain View, CA, and they have internships for undergraduate and graduate students. [www.resurge.org](http://www.resurge.org)
  - **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** needs volunteer physicians for work abroad, but also recruits volunteers for its 22 US offices to help support and teach refugees here (mentoring families, tutoring, driving refugees to appointments, etc.). <http://www.rescue.org>
  - **Doctors Without Borders (MSF)** recruits volunteers and paid interns for work in the NYC office; also has some positions, such as a tropical medicine specialists, for NYC office. [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)
  - **Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)** needs physician and mental health worker volunteers to interview and examine victims; offers a free online course in forensic training. Many ways to get involved/take action by publicizing PHR petitions and campaigns. <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org>

## **6. Collect and donate medical supplies and equipment**

Ideally, if your institution/program has an ongoing partnership with an overseas site, very specific and requested supplies/equipment can be procured and delivered by faculty/residents traveling there. If you are not part of such a relationship, and for larger items from hospitals/offices, the groups below take such donations. Be sure to contact the organization or check websites to ensure your items are appropriate donations.

- **Project C.U.R.E (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment)** <http://www.projectcure.org/home>

Multiple offices nationwide; also provides “C.U.R.E. Kits” of medical supplies for those going to work in resource poor setting.

- **Direct Relief International** <http://www.directrelief.org> (click on donate) Website lists most needed supplies; they also accept medical texts.
- Start a **REMEDY** program at your hospital (Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World). [www.remedyinc.org](http://www.remedyinc.org) Based out of Yale, New Haven, offers toolkits to facilitate collection of reusable supplies. Their Med-Eq program is a website that allows offices/clinics/hospitals/individuals to post supplies/equipment available for donation; interested recipients (pre-approved non-profits) contact donor to arrange shipping or pick-up; <http://www.med-eq.org>
- **American Medical Resources Foundation (AMRF)**, Brockton, MA, 508-580-3301, [www.amrf.com](http://www.amrf.com) AMRF also needs local volunteers for testing, repairing, inventorying etc.
- **World Medical Mission/Samaritan’s Purse**, [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org), accepts equipment and supplies, and website spells out what they need. [http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/wmm/donating\\_materials](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/wmm/donating_materials) Or type “donating materials” in their search box. Located in Boone, NC.
- **International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC)** North Andover, MA 978-557-5510; [www.imecamerica.org](http://www.imecamerica.org)
- **WorldScopes** A project of the American Medical Association. Collect new or used stethoscopes and mail to WorldScopes—they deliver to developing countries. Nice easy project—publicize and collect at your next hospital meeting or event. AMA provides a kit with posters, postcards, sample emails, etc. and will pay the shipping if you collect more than 20. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/worldscopes/index.shtml> Or call 312-464-4075.
- **MedShare** <http://www.medshare.org> Helps hospitals set up supply recovery programs, and accepts donations from corporations (based in Metro Atlanta and Northern California). Medical supplies can be mailed to the Georgia warehouse; contact them prior to shipping.
- **Operation Giving Back** <http://www.operationgivingback.facs.org> A program of the American College of Surgeons. Click on “Resource Center” for long list by state of additional organizations taking used/new medical equipment & supplies as well as medical books.

### 7. Collect and donate medical books (or non-medical books)

Appropriate medical texts can be invaluable in many resource-limited areas. But remember, education of school children (especially girls!) greatly improves child health. So collecting books for school libraries in resource-limited settings can be a worthy project for a group in your home community.

Lists of organizations involved in book collection and donation can be found at:

- **Operation Giving Back** <http://www.operationgivingback.facs.org/> A program of the American College of Surgeons. Click on “Resource Center” for list of organizations taking used/new medical books.
- **Sabre Foundation** has a long list of organizations that donate books overseas. [http://www.sabre.org/books/bookorg/bkdn\\_toc.htm](http://www.sabre.org/books/bookorg/bkdn_toc.htm)
- **University of Albany**, State University of New York. Lengthy list at: <http://www.albany.edu/~dlafonde/Global/bookdonation.htm>

Some selected organizations are listed below:

- **Ti Moun Annou Li** (“Children Let’s Read”) Modeled after the Boston-based Reach Out and Read (ROR) program (the nonprofit that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide). This project came about after the Haiti earthquake 2010, and is a collaboration among US-based and Haitian pediatricians. For more information on how to participate or donate books, please contact Dr. Bron Anders [banders@ucsd.edu](mailto:banders@ucsd.edu) or Dr. Sean Palfrey [Sean.palfrey@bmc.org](mailto:Sean.palfrey@bmc.org)
- **Books for Africa** <https://www.booksforafrica.org/books-computers/donate-books.html> Accepts medical/nursing texts from 1996 and newer (also accepts other types of books, see website; great project to involve school-age children too!). Books should be mailed to Smyrna, GA (or can be dropped off there or at their St. Paul, MN location).

- **Bridge to Asia** <http://www.bridge.org> Accepts medical books (and other types) for teachers and students in China and Southeast Asia.
- **Direct Relief International** <http://www.directrelief.org> (click on donate) Accepts medical texts that are less than 5 years old (best to call and confirm).
- **World Medical Mission** (a program of Samaritan's Purse) [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) Accepts donations of medical texts that are 1) pertinent to developing world setting, and 2) not more than 6-8 years old, unless an atlas or dictionary or other "long lasting" reference book. Mail to: Samaritan's Purse, World Medical Mission, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607. Details not on website, but call 828-262-1980 and ask for World Medical Missions.
- **Sudan-American Foundation for Education, Inc. (SAFE)** <http://www.sudan-safe.org/donatingbooks.htm> Accepts medical and nursing texts that are appropriate for use in Sudan (see website for list of needed book types). Books can be mailed to warehouse in Maryland or Iowa.
- **Global Medicine Network** [www.globalmedicine.org](http://www.globalmedicine.org) A project of the Massachusetts Medical Society's Global Medicine Committee. After joining the network (free), members can post the books they are willing to mail to colleagues in developing countries. Interested parties email you to request. Not a lot of traffic here yet, but it's easy and needs more postings/publicity.

Many other organizations ship books and educational resources to resource-limited sites, but only accept monetary donations or new books from publishers (not used books from individuals):

- Sabre Foundation <http://www.sabre.org/donations/index.php>
- Book Aid International <http://www.bookaid.org>
- The Asia Foundation <http://asiafoundation.org/program/overview/books-for-asia>
- Brother's Brother Foundation <http://www.brothersbrother.org/educational.htm>

#### 8. Other ways to get involved: educate, donate, advocate, investigate, tele-participate

- Stay informed--educate yourself and others
  - **Lancet GH portal.** All of *Lancet's* global health content in one click! Includes articles, series, and commentaries. Plus Global Health TV (videos), Lancet TV (videos) and links to other related content.
  - **UNICEF** website offers numerous resources. [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)  
**State of the World's Children** is published every year, free pdf download or hardcopy. Different theme each year; recent topics:
    - 2012 Children in an Urban World
    - 2011 Adolescence: Age of Opportunity
    - 2010 Special Edition: Celebrating 20 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
    - 2009 Maternal and Newborn Health
    - 2008 Child Survival
  - **Global Health Council's *Global Health Weekly Digest***, sent by email. Global health news, events, new publications and policy statements, etc. all in an easy-scroll format so you only see details of what you click on. [www.globalhealth.org](http://www.globalhealth.org)
  - **AAP SOICH Newsletter**, sent to members but available at SOICH website. News about what pediatricians are doing in global health, and every other issue is a GH publication review issue, where important child health articles are presented and reviewed. <http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/> (click on publications)
  - **Relief Web** Excellent website with updates on natural/humanitarian disasters worldwide. They also list jobs and trainings worldwide related to relief work. <http://reliefweb.int>
  - **BBC World Service** (on your local NPR radio station) or <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice>  
 Select programs and podcasts by topic such as health, Africa. Has a very fun section on "6 Minute English" from BBC Learning English for those learning or improving their English (may be of interest to your overseas colleagues).
- Raise money, support NGOs of your choice. Thoughtful, targeted charitable giving goes a long way in resource poor settings.

- Make your voice heard
  - Contact your representative and senator when key global health/foreign aid bills are debated (the Global Health Council weekly newsletter sends alerts when key legislation is up for vote)
  - Join the Physicians for Human Rights **Asylum Network** (volunteer medical services for refugees/asylum seekers, write letters on behalf of asylum seekers, give a presentation on health and human rights). For details on these see <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org> and search asylum network.
  - Join one of **Physician for Human Rights'** several campaigns (on AIDS, Darfur, torture, land mines, health and justice for youth). See website for current campaigns. <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org>
- Care for and advocate for immigrants, internationally adopted children, refugees
- Help address the **10/90 Gap**: Only an estimated 10% of the total global funding for health research (\$160+ billion annually) is used for research into the major health problems affecting 90% of the world's population.
  - Join the **Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research** <http://www.ccghr.ca/>
  - See the **Global Forum for Health Research** <http://www.globalforumhealth.org>
  - Participate in the **Programme for Global Paediatric Research**, started by Dr. Alvin Zipursky, Toronto. [www.globalpaediatricresearch.org](http://www.globalpaediatricresearch.org) Meets at the PAS meetings each spring.
  - See the **Global Health Research Initiative** and its resources at <http://ghri.ca/>
- Participate in teleconference/email medical consults (many teaching hospitals do this now)
- Involve your hospital or institution in videoconferencing with partners in the developing world. For example, **Medical Missions for Children**, [www.mmissions.org](http://www.mmissions.org) is seeking US partner institutions. They have a speaker's bureau and could visit your institution. See website, under Telemedicine. From website, those in under resourced areas can also request consults (Telemedicine→Consult Request).

### **9. Work/volunteer abroad in an appropriate assignment or project**

Discern what your interests and skills are, and how your schedule can be adjusted to allow time away. Joining a program that is well established, works in partnership with institutions/colleagues at the overseas site, is not a burden to those institutions/colleagues, and that works to promote sustainability is ideal.

- Length and Terms of assignments are variable:
  - Short term medical or medical/dental team (typically 10 days – 2 weeks)
  - Short-term surgical team (typically 2 weeks; pediatricians needed)
  - Short term assignment at an established hospital or clinic site (often 2 weeks – 1 month)
  - Assignment with larger relief organization, e.g., Doctors Without Borders (Medicins Sans Frontieres, MSF), Doctors of the World, International Rescue Committee (IRC) (3 months – 3 years; surgeons can go for shorter periods)
  - Longer term placements (1 year – to lifetime, home leave available)
  - “On Call” disaster relief work, those with experience or training can sign up for Child Disaster Network, [www.aap.org/disaster](http://www.aap.org/disaster)

Experienced colleagues at your institution or in your region can often suggest volunteer placements or projects, or reputable organizations to work with. But where else can you start?

- Professional organizations (see topics 1-4 above)
- Listservs (in particular AAP SOICH, CUGH)
- Medical journals and newsletters. For example, JAMA has an online JAMA Career Center with a list of organizations seeking medical volunteers [http://www.jamacareercenter.com/volunteer\\_opportunities.cfm](http://www.jamacareercenter.com/volunteer_opportunities.cfm)
- Organization email newsletters (e.g. HVO's *Net Connection* email newsletter posts openings for pediatricians as well as other medical generalists and specialists; see HVO under Section 5 above)
- Networking at training courses and meetings on international health topics (see sections below)
- Referral organizations such as International Medical Volunteers Association [www.imva.org](http://www.imva.org) (click on “Help Wanted”); Medics Travel, <http://www.medicstravel.co.uk/>

- Inquiries made in person while traveling abroad

There are many websites that list NGOs and hospitals seeking volunteers:

- **JAMA** website posts JAMA Career Center with a list of organizations seeking medical volunteers  
[http://www.jamacareercenter.com/volunteer\\_opportunities.cfm](http://www.jamacareercenter.com/volunteer_opportunities.cfm)
  - **Global Health Service Partnership** is an innovative public-private partnership designed to place health care professionals as adjunct faculty in medical or nursing schools overseas.  
[http://globalhealthservicecorps.org/images/uploads/fact\\_sheet\\_GHSP\\_FINAL.PDF](http://globalhealthservicecorps.org/images/uploads/fact_sheet_GHSP_FINAL.PDF)
  - **Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative** offers an opportunity to serve 1-2 years on the Pediatric AIDS Corps <http://www.bipai.org/>
  - AAP Section on International Child Health (**SOICH**) Directory of Overseas Opportunities  
From the home page <http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich> click on Working Opportunities.
  - **International Healthcare Opportunities Clearinghouse** (IHOC) <http://library.umassmed.edu/ihoc/index.html>
  - **American Medical Association's** International Health Database <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/home.page> and search International Health Database (excellent resources).
  - American Medical Student Association (**AMSA**) website has a database searchable by country/region/type of assignment. International Health Opportunities Directory <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/ihopps.cfm> Also much info on other international health topics and projects. [www.amsa.org](http://www.amsa.org) Search: Global Health Committee
  - **Operation Giving Back** <http://www.operationgivingback.facs.org> Handy customizable search tool designed for surgeons, but many of the organizations listed also take medical (non-surgical) volunteers. Additional references throughout website.
  - International Medical Volunteers Association (**IMVA**) [www.imva.org](http://www.imva.org) Click on "Help Wanted" for a long list of organizations that need volunteers. Or post yourself as an available volunteer; click on "Post Your Skills."
  - **AAFP** American Academy of Family Physicians: Global Health Service and Educational Opportunities has databases and directories:  
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/aboutus/specialty/international/opps/volserveropps.html>  
Their International Family Medicine page also has interesting resources:  
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/aboutus/specialty/international.html>
  - **Africa Health Placements** <http://www.ahp.org.za/> This organization works with multiple partners in recruiting health care professionals for placement in paid positions in southern Africa. See website for requirements. Salaries competitive.
  - **Medics Travel** <http://www.medicstravel.org/> Here you can click on a country and get contact info for medical schools and hospitals. Click on Humanitarian Work (left side) for a lengthy annotated list of organizations seeking medical volunteers and staff. Site offers help in finding electives. Also available as a book, **The Medic's Guide to Work and Electives Around the World**, by Mark Wilson. Contains hundreds of work opportunities in over 100 countries, and info on electives as well.
  - **INMED: Institute for International Medicine** <http://inmed.us> Non-profit educational organization that equips physicians and medical students/residents to serve in under-served and cross cultural contexts. INMED provides courses, training and international learning opportunities. Website also lists volunteer opportunities.
- Religious/missionary groups seek medical volunteers (there are many; these are just examples):
- Lists of opportunities can be found at:
    - **Mission Finder** classified directory <http://www.missionfinder.org>
    - **Oscar**: the UK information service for world missions (not all listings are medical)  
<http://www.oscar.org.uk/opportunity/networklinks/index.htm>
    - **Christian Medical Fellowship** (a UK based service) <http://www.cmf.org.uk/international/jobs.asp>
    - **Medics Travel** has a page for missionary work: <http://www.medicstravel.co.uk>
  - Specific organizations include:
    - **American Jewish World Service** [www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org)
    - **Christian Medical and Dental Associations** <http://www.cmda.org> Under "Serve" at the bottom, click Global Health Outreach

- **Catholic Medical Mission Board** [www.cmmb.org](http://www.cmmb.org) Has info for non-medical volunteers, students, and allied health professionals as well. See “What We Do” and “Medical Volunteer Program”
- **World Medical Mission/Samaritan’s Purse** [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) Click on World Medical Mission under “What We Do”

### 10. Take a global health/disaster preparedness/tropical medicine training course

- **Global Health: Clinical and Community Care**, a 3 week course offered every July at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, in Tucson. For medical students, residents and practicing physicians. Applications due in May. <http://www.globalhealth.arizona.edu/description>
- **Global Health and Disaster Course** (formerly called the Tropical Medicine Course). 2 weeks, at the Center for Global Health, Colorado School of Public Health. Offered annually (October) as part of global health track, but slots available for outside physicians as well. This course prepares its participants for international experiences and future global health work. It is an intensive training course which incorporates readings, lectures, small group problem based learning exercises, technical skill sessions and a disaster simulation exercise.  
<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/globalhealth/education/Pages/Global-Health-Disasters-Course.aspx>  
Or search “Global Health and Disaster Course” on the Colorado School of Public Health home page:  
<http://ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/Pages/welcome.aspx>
- **The Humanitarian Studies Course** offered by the Humanitarian Studies Initiative in Boston. An annual 10-day training program taught by experienced faculty from several academic institutions. Includes classroom study, interactive group workshops and a simulated humanitarian emergency response. Also covers methodologies and essential skills that best prepare humanitarian workers to operate in the field.  
<http://www.humanitarianstudiescourse.org/index.html>
- **STEER Program** South Texas Environmental Education and Research, allows you to have an international experience without leaving the US. One-month community-based educational experience in the study of border health. Students, residents and practicing physicians interested in learning how environment, public health and medicine shape health for those on the US-Mexico border. Two sites, with over 25 contributing expert faculty. <http://steer.uthscsa.edu/index.aspx>
- **The Global Health Emergencies Course**, Cornell Medical College, Division of Emergency Medicine. This annual 10 day CME course aimed at residents, attending physicians and other healthcare providers focuses on providing participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to effectively engage in high-impact interventions in a variety of global health emergencies. This course immerses students in the most critical global health issues today: malaria, TB, HIV, trauma, chronic diseases, pandemics, and complex humanitarian emergencies. Hands on labs/teaching sessions.  
More info: <http://globalemergencymedicine.org/Education.html>
- **Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine**—Lima, Peru. Affiliated with several US institutions. 2 month certificate course, usually Feb-March. Also 2-week courses offered in August for those with some prior experience. THIS COURSE FILLS UP A YEAR IN ADVANCE. Apply in October for year after.  
<http://gorgas.dom.uab.edu/>  
See great case studies online (wonderful self-learning and teaching resource) at  
<http://gorgas.dom.uab.edu/2008cases/080331.html>
- **ASTMH American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene**
  - Often offers a 1-2-day intensive course in tropical medicine/travel health/global health just before its annual ASTMH meeting, or before the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) annual meeting. See website for upcoming courses <http://www.astmh.org> (see under Education and Training) and <http://www.idsociety.org>
  - Offers an exam leading to CTROPMED® Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers’ Health, various ways to qualify for. For details:  
[http://www.astmh.org/Certification\\_Program/3044.htm](http://www.astmh.org/Certification_Program/3044.htm)

- Lists numerous courses/degree programs in tropical medicine in US and abroad under their “Education and Training” heading [http://www.astmh.org/Approved\\_Diploma\\_Courses/3475.htm](http://www.astmh.org/Approved_Diploma_Courses/3475.htm)
- Offers helpful learning tools such as slide collections, quizzes, etc. on its website, see “Education and Training” listing from homepage <http://www.astmh.org>
- [Offers guidance and materials on hosting a Global Health Career Night at your school/institution. http://www.astmh.org](http://www.astmh.org) Under “Education and Training” see “Resources for Educators”
- **Travel Medicine and Travel Medicine Online** Two courses at the London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene; one is 5 days in London, the other is online <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/cpd/stm.html> and [http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/travel\\_med.html](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/travel_med.html)
- **Short Courses** at the London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/cpd> Variety of maternal child health, epidemiology, mental health, adolescent health, tropical nursing, etc. all geared for work in developing countries.
- **PEM Network** [www.pemfellows.com](http://www.pemfellows.com) Pediatric Emergency Medicine Network of the AAP Section on Emergency Medicine. See the international section (iPEM) pages of their website for long list of conferences and courses.
- **INMED: Institute for International Medicine** <http://inmed.us> Non-profit educational organization that equips physicians and medical students/residents to serve in under-served and cross cultural contexts. INMED provides courses, training and international learning opportunities. Offers online (self-paced), classroom and hybrid courses, including disaster management. Annual symposium. Website has good list of GH books, free downloadable presentations, and volunteer opportunities.
- **RedR, UK** offers numerous training courses worldwide. For example, 5-day course **Certificate in the Essentials of Humanitarian Work**, taught in London. <http://www.redr.org.uk> and see upcoming training courses (there are many others).
- The **Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Swiss TPH** <http://www.swisstph.ch> offers training courses worldwide. See its Trop Ed Network webpage (worldwide courses) <http://www.troped.org>
- **International Forensic Program Training Courses** offered by Physicians for Human Rights (PHR). Online and classroom training for human rights workers and disaster field workers who may encounter mass graves or encounter human rights violations as first responders. <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/training/forensic>

### **11. Attend a CME course or annual meeting on global health**

- **SOICH** AAP Section on International Child Health, meets annually at the AAP NCE (annual meeting every October), and always has a one-day section program on international health that provides CME credits. <http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich> or [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) There is an open section meeting during lunch and anyone is welcome to attend and network. There are additional educational programs related to GH during the NCE as well.
- **PAS, Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting each spring.** Offers numerous workshops and presentations on global health, and global health education. <http://www.pas-meeting.org/2012Boston/default.asp> As part of this meeting, the **Ambulatory Pediatric Association (APA) Special Interest Group (SIG) on International Health** meets and presents an educational program as well. See website: [http://www.ambpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig\\_int\\_health.cfm](http://www.ambpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_int_health.cfm).
- **Programme for Paediatric Global Research** Annual 2-day scientific program and workshop held in conjunction with the annual PAS meetings. <http://www.globalpaediatricresearch.org>
- **American Public Health Association (APHA)** has an International Health Section, whose web page lists courses and annual meetings <http://www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/intlhealth/> Click on “Resources/Links.”
- **Family Medicine Global Health Workshop**, through the American Academy of Family Practice, is an annual conference, 3 day program (usually in the fall) on working in international health;

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/aboutus/specialty/international.html> Click on Meetings and Resources on the left.

- Consortium of Universities for Global Health (**CUGH**) offers an excellent annual meeting for the medical community practicing and teaching global health (also excellent for medical students, residents and fellows). <http://www.cugh.org>
- **Unite for Sight** Annual Global Health and Innovation Conference, Yale University. 2 days, every spring, over 200 speakers <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>
- **Canadian Society for International Health** The Canadian Conference on Global Health (every fall) remains the only annual conference in Canada that focuses primarily on global health and health in development, and the only Canadian peer review forum for knowledge building and program development related to global health and development. <http://www.csih.org>
- **American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH)**, annual meeting, usually December <http://www.astmh.org>
- **Global Health Council's** Annual Meeting is superb, in Washington DC. Usually every May. See [www.globalhealth.org](http://www.globalhealth.org)
- **Annual NY Symposium on International Emergency Medicine**, facilitating global collaborations in emergency medicine. Sponsored by International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM). <http://www.ifem.cc> See conferences and symposia.
- **Mt. Sinai Annual Global Health Conference** <http://www.mssm-ghc.org> Usually 2 days in March, provides an opportunity for conference attendees to explore recent scientific developments and to create a forum for interdisciplinary interactions. The target audience includes physicians, medical students, public health professionals and students, employees of non-governmental organizations, academics, activists, community leaders and educators.
- **Ethical Issues in Global Health Research**, annually in June at Harvard. 5-day interactive workshop for IRB members, investigators, ethicists, anyone interested in promoting global collaborations. Lectures, discussions, mock ethics committee meetings, and more. <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/research/human-research-administration/announcements/index.html>
- **Global Forum Annual Conference** Presentations plus creative formats for interaction between health experts, business, government, social entrepreneurs and others.
- **CORE Group Fall and Spring Meetings** (CORE Group is a Washington DC based consortium of NGOs working for maternal and child health. Outstanding networking opportunities, large variety of groups implementing projects in the field all over the world). Ideal opportunity to learn from and about NGOs and their personnel in the field, medical and non-medical, <http://www.coregroup.org>
- **INMED** Institute for International Medicine <http://inmed.us> Offers many courses, but has annual one-day symposium on cross cultural medicine and working in under-served settings.
- **Annual Global Health Conference at Cincinnati Children's Hospital** Usually in the fall. For more information contact Dr. Chuck Schubert [CHUCK.SCHUBERT@cchmc.org](mailto:CHUCK.SCHUBERT@cchmc.org)  
Or contact the CME office at 513-636-6732 or [cme@cchmc.org](mailto:cme@cchmc.org)
- **Midwestern Global Health Conference**, University of Nebraska Medical Center, International Studies and Programs <http://www.unmc.edu/isp> Annual 3-day conference.
- **Annual Western Regional International Health Conference** <http://wrihc.org> Excellent conference (usually in spring) with different theme each year. <http://globalhealth.washington.edu> See "lectures & conferences" under "Resource Center."
- University of Texas Southwestern, Office of Global Health **annual 3-day conference**, Dallas, TX. <http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/utsw/cda/dept415140/files/647495.html>
- **International Child Health Group** A Specialty Group of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), with membership open to everyone with a professional interest in advancing child health internationally (analogous to SOICH of the AAP). Advocacy, conferences, and a registry of those willing to mentor pediatricians giving service overseas. [http://www.ichg.org.uk/index\\_activities.php](http://www.ichg.org.uk/index_activities.php) Annual winter meeting in UK.

- **ALAPE (Asociación Latinoamericana de Pediatría)** holds regular conferences throughout Latin America. <http://www.alape.org>
- **International Pediatric Association (IPA)** Holds international congresses every three years in sites around the world. Consider presenting a paper, poster or workshop. Melbourne, Australia 2013. <http://www.ipa-world.org>
- **European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)** <http://www.eapaediatrics.eu> Two meetings annually.

### 12. Take a medical language training international health course

- University of Nebraska's **Medical Spanish/Global Health in Nicaragua**, for students and faculty. <http://www.unmc.edu/isp> see course listed on right sidebar.
- **American Medical Student Association (AMSA)** lists many programs <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/ihopps.cfm> On the search box for "Opportunity Type," use the pull-down menu to get to Medical Spanish (over 70 programs listed!)
- **Interhealth South American Study Program in Ecuador**. Students and residents primarily, but others accepted. <http://www.interhealthsouthamerica.net/index.htm>

### 13. Seek further professional training

- **Global Health Fellowship Training:** Many medical specialties now offer fellowship level training in global health relevant to that specialty. One list of all fellowships and their websites, grouped according to Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob-Gyn, Surgery, Women's Health, and Interdisciplinary can be found at <http://globalhealthfellowships.com/database.html>
  - Specifically for **Pediatric Emergency Medicine:**  
Baylor College of Medicine Pediatric Emergency Medicine Global Health Fellowship <http://www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/emergencymedicine/index.cfm?PMID=17233>
  - Newer or not yet on the list
    - Children's Hospital Boston Global Health Fellowship <http://www.childrenshospital.org/bcrp/Site2216/mainpageS2216P10sublevel102.html>  
Field placements include Haiti, Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi and possibly Liberia  
Further information: Dr. Kim Wilson Kim Wilson, [Kim.Wilson@CHILDRENS.HARVARD.EDU](mailto:Kim.Wilson@CHILDRENS.HARVARD.EDU)
    - Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship <http://www.childrenshospital.org/clinicalservices/Site1935/mainpageS1935P70.html>
    - Global Emergency Medicine Program (Cornell Medical College) <http://globoemergencymedicine.org/Education.html>
    - Global Women's Health Fellowship (Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston) [http://www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments\\_and\\_Services/womenshealth/ConnorsCenter/GWH/default.aspx](http://www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/womenshealth/ConnorsCenter/GWH/default.aspx)
- **MPH in Global Health** (offered at most schools of public health)
- **DTMH, Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**, offered in many centers, including:
  - **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** (3 months, Jan-March) <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/cpd/stmh.html> (Note that the LSTMH also offers a variety of excellent short courses relevant to health in the developing world, see website for short courses: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/cpd> Also offers Diploma in Tropical Nursing!
  - **Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine**, (3 months, Sept-Nov) [www.lstmliverpool.ac.uk](http://www.lstmliverpool.ac.uk)
  - **Tulane University** <http://www.sph.tulane.edu/publichealth/tropmed/diploma.cfm>
  - **Johns Hopkins School of Public Health** <http://www.jhsph.edu/tropic>
  - **West Virginia University** <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed/Tropical-Medicine-Course>
  - **East Africa Diploma Course in Tropical Medicine** An exciting new diploma course offered by a consortium of institutes including London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, Univ. of Washington, Johns Hopkins, Makerere University, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC).

Three months, offered in the fall; unique partnership, East African context. The first diploma course in Africa related to neglected tropical diseases. Open to physicians worldwide. Taught in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/cpd/eadtmh.html>

- **Tufts University Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance**; 1 year program; Feinstein International Famine Center <http://fic.tufts.edu/?pid=15>
- **CDC Training Programs**, in Epidemiology and other fields. <http://www.cdc.gov/Fellowships/CareerInternships.html>
- Read *Finding Work in Global Health: A practical guide for jobseekers or anyone who wants to make the world a healthier place*. 155-page paperback by Garth Osborn and Patricia Ohmans, available from the Global Health Council, \$19.50 (or Amazon) <http://my.globalhealth.org/ebusiness/ProductCatalog/GHCproduct.aspx?ID=13>
- Consider Online Courses for yourself or individuals you might mentor, or for use as the basis of course you could lead at your institution or in your community. For example:
  - **USAID E-Learning** In response to growing demand from the field for technical updates, USAID identified eLearning as a solution. It allows USAID and its partners to expand the reach and use of critical program guidance to its staff in the field and to their collaborators, partners, and stakeholders. The courses are FREE. <http://www.globalhealthlearning.org/login.cfm> (The “Courses and Certificates” link takes a moment to open).
  - **Unite for Sight Global Health University** Offers online, self-paced certificate courses for students and professionals. <http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university>
  - **Unite for Sight Global Health E-Learning Resources** These are modular, FREE online courses on numerous important and often overlooked topics. Consider using them as the basis for a monthly discussion group with your residents and medical students. <http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/courses>
  - **University of Alabama Continuing Education Certificate in Global Health Studies** Administered through the UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health. Details of the online course format and tuition can be found at: <http://www.sparkmancenter.org/ghscertificate>