

International Health Interest Group (IHIG)

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Group Mission Statement

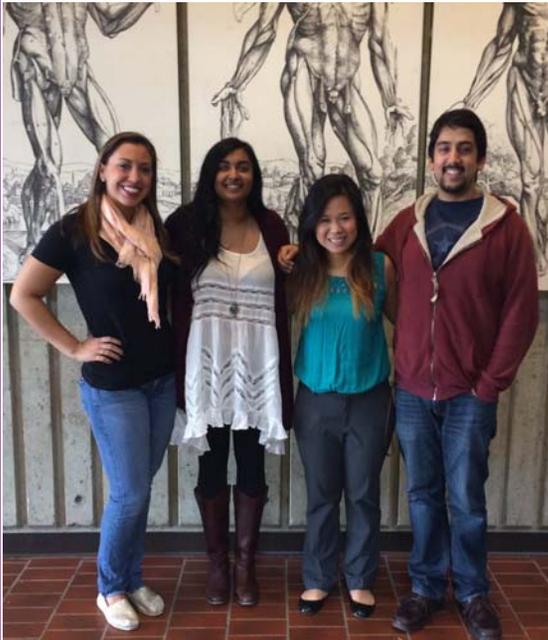
The International Health Interest Group (IHIG) is designed to raise awareness of international health issues within the RWJMS community. This is done through completing the Global Health Elective, fundraising for organizations working to improve international health, and assisting students looking to study abroad during the summer between first and second year or during fourth-year electives. We hold many ethics lectures and discussion panels throughout the year to familiarize students with common situations that arise when providing healthcare in a foreign setting and get them interested in traveling themselves to experience this first-hand.



Activities for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

IHIG plays an integral role in helping plan and run the Global Health Fair and increase student participation through poster submissions of their international health experiences. We also hold a monthly ethics lecture by Dr. Francis Barchi and Dr. Eric Singer on a variety of noteworthy topics ranging from limited resource distribution to new research discoveries and their implications on international clinical healthcare. There will also be documentary screenings to educate students on the realities and challenges faced by global healthcare workers and their patients. We plan on hosting a video conference with a Bolivian doctor to learn about his experience in the field and cultural nuances that impact his work. Lastly, we will hold a student panel so that those who have travelled abroad can share their experiences and raise interest for peers hoping to participate in similar programs.

IHIG E-Board Members



From left to right: Danika Paulo, Tara Iyer, Patty Pensuwan, Adi Kulkarni

Global Health Non-Credit Elective Requirements

- Attend 5 lectures throughout the year
- Present a poster at the Global Health Fair based on your summer abroad or any global health topic of interest
- For those who did not travel abroad, one of the following must also be completed:
 - Participate as part of the IHIG E-board or as an AMSA Global Health Fellow
 - Volunteer during a fundraising event
 - Attend the Careers in Global Health Panel
 - Other GH non-lecture event

Faculty and Student Leadership

Faculty Advising: The Office of Global Health

Javier Escobar, MD
Associate Dean of Global Health

Issa Bagayogo, MD, PhD
Post-Doctoral Fellow

Christina Rozario
Administrative Assistant

Executive Board Members: RWJMS Medical Students

Tara K. Iyer, M2, Co-Director
Danika Paulo, M2, Co-Director
Patty Pensuwan, M1 Representative
Adi Kulkarni, M1 Representative

For Those Looking to Study Abroad...

Many students choose to travel abroad during the summer between their first and second years or during elective time during fourth year. A couple of popular programs to look into are the Himalayan Health Exchange in the state of Himachal Pradesh, India and a program at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru.

A detailed listing of other global health experiences arranged by geographical region can be found

at: http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/global_health/travel/programs/index.html

For further guidance and information,
please contact the office of Global Health.

