**Global Health Elective: Ghana**

**Dates July 24 –Aug 8th 2015**

 ***International Healthcare Volunteers***

***International Healthcare Volunteers*** is not for-profit organizations that provide healthcare to women and their families in underserved areas and continuing medical education to healthcare professionals in these areas. Patients in these countries are dying from what would be simple medical problems in the United States due to lack of access and medical resources. Established in 2001, International Healthcare Volunteers is composed of doctors, nurses, ancillary health care providers, teachers, students and other professionals across the U.S and Canada. . The organization has provided medical and/or surgical care to over 10,500 individuals since 2002.

International Healthcare Volunteers offers a unique experience for 4th year medical students, residents and fellows. The elective is for 2 weeks to develop clinical skills and cultural competencies in a unique and low resource environment. Each learner will be assigned a medical mission mentor.

**Objectives of the Rotations:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the major causes of morbidity and mortality in the region in which the learners will be working.
2. Identify potential barriers and innovative strategies for effective healthcare delivery strategies in low-resource settings
3. Promote the understanding of cultural and ethical issues in working with underserved populations.
4. Demonstrate the ability to adapt clinical skills and practices in a resource-constrained environment.
5. Utilize humility, flexibility, professionalism, and cultural sensitivity when working within a different healthcare context

**Selection Criteria to participate in Global Elective**

1. The medical student/resident must be in good academic standing
2. The Learner will complete an essay on the following topic: “**How Globalization of** **healthcare will impact on your career**” **which will be due on March 31st 5pm**. A committee will select the learner based on the requirements of good standing, assigned essay, interviews and availability of mission mentors. .

**Medical Mission Learner Requirements**

1. Complete all necessary paperwork/ visa and vaccination requirements for overseas travel
2. Provide evaluation forms prior to the medical mission trip
3. Attended at least 2 Global health monthly sesions
4. Attend the medical mission meetings prior to the mission trips. – Medical mission meetings are an important component of the global elective experience. The meetings are intended to prepare the learner to work within a medical mission team, to orient the learner to potential cultural barriers and situations, and to provide a forum for dialogue regarding the potential challenges that the learner may experience as part of unfamiliar system.

***Cost:*** Approx. 2,000- 2,500 dollars

1. Air Travel
2. Partial Lodging/Meals

**IHCV Provide**

**Lodging/meals**

**In country travelling**

Re: Global health training and international clinical rotations during residency: current status, needs, and opportunities.*Pherez FM, David PK. Acad Med. 2009 Sep; 84(9):1172; author reply 1172.*

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