



Center for Global Health Initiatives Resident Representative 2017 Annual Report

CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES (CHGI) RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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Purpose & Scope of Work

The vision of the AAFP Center for Global Health Initiatives (CGHI) is to attain health equity for all people within and outside the US. We support the professional needs and interests of members and students to be globally engaged by providing resources to enhance intercultural patient care through practice transformation, strengthening the global family physician workforce, and promoting excellence in global primary care. To this end, our strategic approach to achieve these goals includes five primary objectives: 1) workforce advocacy, 2) Practice transformation & payment reform, 3) Clinical expertise, 4) Student engagement, and 5) International development. The scope of our works focuses on medical students, residents and practicing physicians engaged in international and multicultural health care in the US and abroad including the care of refugee and immigrant communities as well as engaging family physicians from the global community.

Activities & Achievements

1. AAFP Global Health Workshop. The CGHI is responsible for organizing and implementing this growing annual academic conference workshop. This conference serves as the central event and gathering point of leaders and active participants within the global family medicine community. This event is the primary platform that showcases the multitude of work that represents the intersection of family medicine and global health within the US. This workshop activity engages our participants to foster direct collaboration between researchers, students, residents, clinicians, volunteers, and international organizations.
2. Resource development. The CGHI maintains and updates our ever-growing website that serves as a clearing-house for global health resources for students, residents, researchers, and clinicians. We develop and deliver educational and training products related to global health in both national and international engagement to improve the competence of family physicians in multicultural and international healthcare.
3. Global health advocacy. It is a goal of the CGHI to advocate for a global health perspective within AAFP policies and mission and vision. We work to develop and share the global health perspective on AAFP workforce policies and position papers and develop strategic resolutions to influence AAFP policy. We work to serve as a unified voice of the growing number of students, residents, and family physicians interested in and committed to global health. We conduct on-going assessments and surveys of member's professional interest in global health to maximize AAFP's potential to help members become leaders and advocates for global health.

4. Leadership development: we work to connect students and residents interested in global health with mentorship and experience opportunities in global health.
5. International collaboration: the CGHI collaborates with international family medicine organizations including WONCA.
6. Development opportunities to export AAFP products and expertise to international markets and strategies to advance AAFP as the authority in the field of international FM education through the engagement of AAFP members to deliver AAFP products and expertise to international audiences, partners and collaborating organizations.

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on the CGHI Board

Serving on the CGHI Board and provided me with an invaluable opportunity to collaborate with leaders and innovators in global family medicine to shape the direction of this growing field and to engage a wider audience of students, residents, and practicing providers in global health. This position has allowed me to work with a team focused on expanding and formalizing the leadership role of the CGHI within the AAFP organization. This position has allowed me to stay engaged in global health advocacy throughout my residency training and commit to partnering with organizations internationally to promote global family medicine and primary care. I have gained value leadership and organizational skills that I will continue to build upon throughout my career in academic family medicine focused on advancing the field of global family medicine.

Student Report

Purpose & Scope of Work

As the Student Representative to the AAFP's Center for Global Health Initiatives Advisory Board, I am the student voice on a committee of inspiring family physicians who have dedicated their careers to promoting family medicine around the world as a vehicle for health equity. The goal of my work is to serve as a resource to connect medical students who are passionate about global health with each other, and with physicians who can guide them into a career of serving diverse populations at home and abroad; and to use my position as a platform to promote family medicine as a specialty for all medical students who are interested in global health work.

Activities& Achievements

I have helped organize and review CGHI's annual Global Health Workshop, which will take place this year in Houston, TX. I also coordinate the Global Health Mentorship Program, a chance for medical students and residents to build a mentorship relationship with physicians who have years (often decades!) of global health experience. I was also fortunate to represent the AAFP at the American Medical Students Association's Global Health Institute in Washington, DC this year. At the institute, I spoke about the challenges of incorporating a passion for global health into the busy schedule of a medical student, and lead small group discussions aimed at trouble-shooting these challenges.

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This two-year position has been a true privilege for me. I have been able to stay engaged in the global health community during the hectic second and third years of medical school by attending the Global Health Workshop, collaborating with the inspiring physicians on the advisory board, and connecting with other students who share my passions at the Student and Resident conference. The role has also lead me to passionately believe that Family Medicine physicians are uniquely prepared to serve global populations at home and abroad, and has given me a great sense for the opportunities that exist to practice global family medicine during residency and beyond. I would strongly encourage anyone who is passionate about global health to apply!

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