



Center for Global Health Initiatives Resident Representative 2018 Annual Report

CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES (CGHI) 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 work 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 Summit. The CGHI is responsible for organizing and implementing this growing annual academic conference, which was recently re-named the AAFP Global Health Summit. 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. The summit 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/Polaris. WONCA is the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians and Polaris is the North American arm of the WONCA Young Doctor's Movement. The resident and student CGHI representatives serve as members on the Polaris board and will be traveling to the WONCA conference this upcoming fall in Seoul to represent both the AAFP and Polaris. Polaris participates in several different physician development programs, including FM360, which is an exchange program that was initiated at the Wonca World Meeting in Prague in 2013 based on the exchange program model that had existed in Europe for many years. Since 2013, FM360 has developed in all Wonca regions, including the North American one. We will be presenting an abstract related to the project at the conference along with participating in a panel discussion on the role of global health in career development with other members of the AAFP CGHI board.
6. Outreach: The CGHI works to develop 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. Many members participate in building family medicine training programs in other countries.

Resident Report

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on the CGHI Board

Serving on the CGHI Board has provided me with an invaluable opportunity to collaborate with leaders in global family medicine and become more engaged within the AAFP. Though only approximately 6 months into my term on the board, I have already learned a great deal about the inner workings of the CGHI and AAFP. This position has allowed me to serve as a liaison between the CGHI and Polaris and further solidify the connection between these two synchronous organizations. It has given me a platform to stay engaged in global health advocacy throughout the remainder of my residency to promote global family medicine and primary care. Lastly, it has given me the opportunity to travel to WONCA and learn more about primary care on a global scale. I have gained value leadership and mentorship through this position that I will continue to leverage for the advancement of global primary care throughout my career in 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. My main activity is to coordinate the Global Health Mentorship Program, which has the goal of bringing together people interested in global health/family medicine at various stages in their experience/career. We are continuing to trouble shoot and develop this program to create improved mentoring support for both physicians in training and practicing physicians. Look for more information about our mentorship program and support for mentoring in the upcoming year. My other activities include helping plan the Global Health Summit, improving outreach to FMIGs, and creating resources for medical students interested in global health.

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This position has been a true privilege for me. I have met inspiring physicians who balance local practices with global health involvement and find ways to build global health issues into their home practices. I have learned a great deal about the AAFP as well as the scope of global health practice and family medicine development through attendance at the Global Health Summit. My interactions with Polaris members and students/residents at the Summit have enable me to meet other people with similar interests which furthers my excitement for and knowledge about global health/family medicine. 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.

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