

Global Health

FACT SHEET

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Number of hits on Google generated when searching for “International Health” (June 20, 2007).

\$7,831,388,467

Global Health funding provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation since its inception through March 2007.

69%

Percentage of students attending the 2005 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students who stated that the presence of an international opportunity during residency would influence their decision to choose a particular residency program.

308

Number of family medicine residency programs offering international health opportunities.

www.aafp.org/residencies

90%

Percentage of residency programs who will pay at least one month’s salary for a resident participating in an international rotation.

300

Number of organizations profiled in “A Practical Guide to Global Health Service” (author Ed O’Neil).

This guide offers tips on how to focus on direct action and how to safely and effectively get engaged in medical volunteering.

1991

Year Physicians With Heart was founded. Family physicians have visited Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Tajikistan through this AAFP and AAFP Foundation humanitarian project.

- Family medicine’s **broad scope** of training uniquely prepares physicians to practice medicine in a variety of settings, with specific consideration of public health and community resources.
- U.S. family physicians work closely with WONCA and are active in **numerous global health organizations** such as GHEC and through the State Department in Embassy postings. Family physicians are **developers and leaders** of many mission organizations—both faith-based and secular—and in academic departments with a focus on global health.



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Explore Family Medicine

Finding the RIGHT international rotation.

Questions to ask when you're evaluating a program.

MISSION

- What is the goal of the international rotation?
- Describe the field experience (clinical activities, public health initiatives, community activities, patient education, or other activities).

FUNDING

- What is the cost to the residents?
- What opportunities exist to seek additional funding for international rotations?
- Will I have professional liability insurance while participating?
- Will my employee benefits (health insurance, dental insurance, etc) continue while I am abroad?

SCHEDULE

- How long are the rotations?
- What time of year do residents travel?
- Are certain years (PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-3) prohibited from participation?

LOCATION

- In what country (or countries) do the residents engage in international activities?
- Do the residents ever design their own global health experience?
- What policies and processes are in place to ensure resident safety during travel?

CONTACTS

- How many residents have participated in the past 2 years?
- Who are the faculty involved? What other international experiences have they had?
- Who do I contact to get more information?

CURRICULUM

- What are the didactics (lectures, reading, discussion, debriefing) of the rotation?
- Does the program accept medical students for trips?
- Does the program accept residents from other programs for trips?

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