

Introducing the ASA Resident International

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Are you a resident who wants to have an international experience? Do you have a resident in your program who is interested in an international rotation? Are you wondering just how to make this a reality? Wonder no more!

ASA's Committee on Global Humanitarian Outreach (GHO) is pleased to announce the start of a scholarship program for U.S. anesthesiology residents to spend a month in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at CURE Hospital. Funding for this program was approved at the October 2014 ASA annual meeting in New Orleans, and the program is set to start in August 2015.



Modeled on the highly acclaimed and successful Society for Education in Anesthesia (SEA) Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) Traveling Fellowship, this program will pay the expenses for eight residents during the year to spend one month working at CURE Ethiopia under the direction of Mary Bernard, M.D., who is an ABA-certified anesthesiologist.



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Residents will have the opportunity to experience the challenges of delivering safe anesthesia in a low-resource, underserved area in a developing country as well as participate in the training and education of local anesthesia providers. With appropriate planning, residents will be eligible to receive American Board of Anesthesiology credit. All expenses, including travel, lodging, meals, visa, vaccinations and medical insurance, will be covered by the scholarship. Faculty members are invited to accompany the resident, although the home institution will be responsible for the costs.



Anesthesia Scholarship in Ethiopia



Background on Ethiopia and Rotation Details

Ethiopia is a country of approximately 96 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa (more than 3,000 miles from the current Ebola outbreak). Currently there are fewer than a dozen Ethiopian physician anesthesiologists in practice in Ethiopia.

The month-long elective rotation will be based at CURE Ethiopia, which is primarily a pediatric orthopedic teaching hospital in Addis Ababa run by the U.S. non-governmental organization (NGO) CURE International. CURE Ethiopia's medical director is Dr. Bernard, who is a U.S. citizen currently practicing at CURE Ethiopia.



The hospital focuses primarily on pediatric orthopedics and treats disabilities such as clubfoot and other limb deformities. Visiting medical teams also provide plastic reconstructive surgery for cleft lip and facial deformities, along with ENT surgeons who help to improve hearing and other head and neck diseases.

The one-month rotation will provide residents the opportunity to work with Dr. Bernard, as well as other anesthesia volunteers, and CURE's orthopedic surgeons. In addition, the residents will have the unique opportunity to work with Ethiopian non-physician anesthesia providers and trainees who rotate at CURE Hospital. Responsibilities will include direct clinical care as well as preparing and giving several lectures to master's students. Residents will have opportunities to meet, work and interact with Ethiopian anesthesia residents from Black Lion Hospital. They will also have the opportunity to visit other local hospitals and attend educational programs.

Application Details:

- Positions open to CA-2 or -3 residents who will have had a pediatric rotation prior to the rotation in Ethiopia.
- The first available month for rotation is August 2015; start dates are flexible based on the needs of the home institution.
- Applications are due by January 30, 2015.

For more information or to apply, send a letter of motivation, letter of support from the program director and a CV to:

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