



**Global Health Pathway**  
**University of Minnesota ~ Department of Medicine**  
 “Medical Education in the Global Village”



***Global Health Pathway Newsletter***



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Dear Global Health Pathway Residents and Faculty,

*This month's highlight has been the successful completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Global Health Course, that ended in late August. The design of the course was lead by Dr. William Stauffer who was supported by multiple faculty members that helped to both develop and manage course activities on a daily and/or weekly basis. This year's course was made possible through the generous contributions of 66 guest speakers, 12 course facilitators and assistants, and numerous volunteers. The University of Minnesota's Global Health Course is the only course that is co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and many CDC staff members are among our outstanding course faculty. We could not provide such a high quality educational experience without the participation of many, and we extend our thanks to all those listed below.*

*-Patricia Walker, MD, DTM&H*

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**We would like to thank all of our course speakers and facilitators:**

Alfonso Rodriguez, Ann Settgast, Anne McCarthy, Anne Parker Frosch, Basia Tomcyk, Bobbi Pritt, Brett Hendel-Paterson, Bruce Dahlman, Carmen Divertie, Carson Harris, Chris Buresh, Christina Coyle, Christina Ward, Christy Hanson, David Boulware, David Hunt, Eric James, Erin Staples, Georgi Kroupin, Holly Williams, Jeehaw Sonya Haw, Jon Hallberg, Jon White, Jonathan Ravdin, Jose Debes, Karla Nockleby, Kate Venable, Kimberly Won, Kiran Belani, LeAnne Fox, Marta Guerra, Mary Mahoney, Megan Shaughnessy, Meghan Rothenberger, Michael Rhodes, Michael Westerhaus, Mrinal Patnaik, Nadia Sam-Agudu, Nina Bacaner, Pamela Gjertson, Pat Joyce, Patricia Walker, Patty Shannon, Peter Melchert, Rahel Ghebre, Randy Hurley, Robyn Kaiser, Ron Johannsen, Rosemary Quirk, Sagar Goyal, Sarah Kesler, Sean Shadomy, Stacie Dunkle, Stephen Dunlop, Stephen Swanson, Sue Johnston, Susan Kline, Tarissa Mitchell, Therese Zink, Tina Slusher, Travis Olives, Troy Lund, Warren Dalal, Watcharapong Piyaphanee, William Stauffer, Zahra (Sahra) Noor, Barbara Polk, Chandy John, Channy Kek, Channy Som, Heather Arguello, Kristina Krohn, Kumar Belani, Monica Overcamp, Rebecca Enos, Robert Carlson, Shiromani Jayawardhana, and William Pomputius.

**In addition, we would like to give special thanks to the following people for helping us to produce and manage the course:**

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### **Highlights of the 6th Annual Global Health Course**

Participants included 65 individuals that represented five countries (Canada, France, India, Madagascar, U.S.) and 15 states (AZ, CA, GA, IA, IL, MA, MI, MN, ND, NJ, NY, SC, TX, WA, WI).

This year we added several Cultural Competence/Awareness boosting field trips to our course curriculum: [Hindu Temple of Minnesota](#), [Cambodian Watt Munisotaram](#), and [La Clinica](#). These activities helped health care providers to understand the connection between culture and health.

We also incorporated an innovative event at the conclusion of the course: Mock Refugee Camp Activities and Disaster Response Scenarios were held at the [Phillippo Scout Reservation](#).

Exercises were conducted for both Global Health Course participants and graduate students from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

### **COURSE PHOTOS...**



### **Visiting Physician/Observer Feedback**

*Growing up and completing medical school in India, I have seen tropical diseases on an everyday basis and would not be wrong in saying that I am no stranger to it. I wanted to further my medical education here in the U.S. and I felt that taking the Global Health Course was a step that would bring me closer to my goal of pursuing a career in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Learning about the infectious diseases found in tropical areas and being able to learn about the health conditions of the "global village" from a humanitarian perspective not only made me more aware but also very compassionate. The program was organized and well-balanced between lectures and activities. The Mock Refugee Camp/Disaster Simulation Exercises had all the stressors that made it feel like a very "real world experience". -Sneha Raghunath, MD*

### **Online Global Health Course**

The UMN Global Health Course is the only ASTMH approved training course that offers its entire didactic curriculum online. So far, 130 individuals have registered for 349 single modules of this unique online course. The registrants are from countries as diverse as Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Peru, and Singapore. Health care providers from 27 states have also signed up for the online course modules. Please note that each individual module is a stand-alone course, providers are welcome to take any or all of the modules, in any order. The Refugee and Immigrant Health and Travel Medicine modules have been the most popular to date.

Information: [Online Course](#) Registration: [CME Online Course Registration](#)

### **Global Health Pathway Resident News**

*Last summer I had the opportunity to enroll in a three and a half week intensive summer course called the [Global Health Effectiveness Program](#), sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health. The program was divided into three courses: Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Principles of Global Health Management, and a case based course on [Global Health Care Delivery](#). Participants included a diverse mix of people working in 14 different countries as health care professionals, policy makers, and public health officials. The classes utilized cases that were based on programs or policies that have demonstrated innovative planning and execution of ideas on issues such as malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, Malaria control, Tuberculosis, and Measles. Health care delivery is a complex field with many challenges and no defined answers so in order to effectively work on these issues, strong collaborations, adaptation, and new and innovative approaches are required. This course exposed me to the tools needed to begin working in an ever changing health care landscape.*

*-Mahsa Abassi, MO (IM Residency 2010- 2013)*

### **Global Health Pathway Faculty News**

The Global Health Pathway would like to welcome Dr. Kate Venable to our faculty.

Kate Venable is an Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Hospitalist with HealthPartners, having completed her residency training at University of Illinois-Peoria in 2010. Her primary sites of practice are Regions Hospital and Children's Hospital-St. Paul, where she works with residents and students from the University of Minnesota. Kate's current activities outside of her medical practice include involvement in an organization aimed at reducing racial and health disparities in the Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis through life-skill training in swimming and leadership development. The organization is called [Minneapolis Swims](#) and she serves on the Board of Directors. Kate also went to Haiti twice in 2011, working with [Samaritan's Purse](#) (international relief organization) in response to cholera.

Kate has a strong interest in global health issues, in particular, maternal-child health/infant mortality, malnutrition and community health development. Her previous international experience includes working with various organizations in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Zambia, and Niger. Kate is also in the process of earning her Certification in Tropical Medicine and plans to be involved in the Global Health Pathway as an instructor/volunteer faculty for the Global Health Course. At some point in the future, Kate hopes to be able to practice in Africa on a full-time basis, likely in a teaching hospital, training doctors and community health workers.

*\*Photo taken at Galmi Hospital in Galmi, Niger, West Africa.*



### **Volunteer Opportunity: [Doctor's S.H.A.R.E. Project](#)**

Residents and faculty have the opportunity to provide health education and outreach to immigrants in St. Paul through the Doctor's S.H.A.R.E. Project. Please consider volunteering to administer blood pressure and glucose screenings at the Skyline Tower. The current average number served by the Global Health Pathway per session is 30-40 individual housing complex residents.

*Preceptors are needed on the following dates:*

**October 8, 2011**

**October 22, 2011**

**November 5, 2011**

**November 19, 2011**

**December 3, 2011**

**December 17, 2011**

**January 7, 2012**

**January 21, 2012**

\*Please contact [Dr. Brian Muthyala](#) or sign up via the [Doctor's SHARE Project](#):

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AhU8uhvwb5bNdHliR3pRRkdmSX...>

## Save the Date

October 3, 2011

Global Pediatrics Noon Conference  
"Polio Eradication"  
Presenter: Harry Hull, MD  
12:15pm-1pm, [Amplatz Children's Hospital](#), C-5140, South Building

October 10, 2011

Medical Teams International/Humphrey Institute Forum  
"A Special Presentation on Libya: The Humanitarian Perspective"  
10am-11:30am, Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs  
RSVP by October 6, 2011 [libyarsvp@medicalteams.org](mailto:libyarsvp@medicalteams.org)

October 11, 2011

Global Programs and Strategy Alliance Global Spotlight  
"Nicaragua 2011: Needs and Assets - A Rural Perspective"  
Presenter: Therese Zink, MD  
Noon-1:30pm, 101 [University International Center](#), 331 17th Avenue SE, East Bank  
[Full Announcement and RSVP](#)

October 19, 2011

[Tropical and Travel Medicine Seminar](#)  
6pm-8:30pm, Shriners Hospital

October 20, 2011

[CONFERENCE](#): \*Global Community Health for Future Generations\*  
9am-5pm, UMN Mayo Auditorium

October 26, 2011

Inaugural Global Family Medicine Movie Night  
Medical students, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Med-Peds, and Internal Medicine residents, as well as affiliated faculty are invited to a screening of the 1997 Iranian drama, [Children of Heaven](#). [Darin Brink, MD](#) will facilitate a group discussion immediately following the film. This event will be held at the home of [Shailey Prasad, MD, MPH](#).

November 15, 2011

Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians Sponsored Academic Roundtable Dinner:  
"What can we learn from international experiences to help us do more with less?"  
Faculty, residents, and medical students are invited to attend this discussion and dinner. Please contact [Lisa Regehr](#) to RSVP.

December 5-6, 2011

[ASTMH Career Fair](#)

## Interesting Links

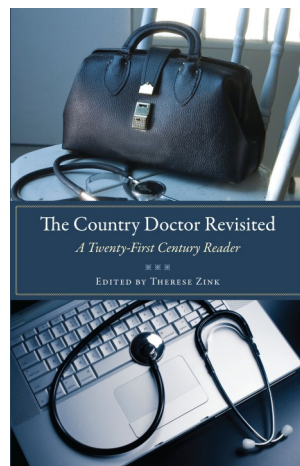
A Taste of Tropical Medicine - A Global Health Volunteerism Short Prep Course ([DVD set](#))

[Contagion](#) (film)

Contagion [Film Review](#)

[Cultural Competence](#) (video resource)

[The Country Doctor Revisited](#) (faculty book)





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