

Congratulations to the March 2009 International Elective Award Recipients

**Eleanor L. Chung, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Kisoro, Uganda**

"I will be continuing an already established malnutrition project between Kisoro District Hospital and the non-profit organization, Doctors for Global Health, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This malnutrition project focuses on 1) triaging severely malnourished children from the village to the hospital; 2) strengthening follow-up of these children after discharge from hospital; and 3) basic nutrition education programs."

**Deepti Gupta, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Chennai/Tamil Nadu, India**

"I will be working at the Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine (GHTM), Tambaram. GHTM is the site of a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Global AIDS Project (GAP) focused on the care of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS in the adult and pediatric population. It is a large urban tertiary care hospital that takes care of the majority of children infected with HIV/AIDS and TB in the state of Tamil Nadu. My project will focus on the incidence of pruritic papular eruption (PPE) in the pediatric HIV/AIDS population. PPE is an intensely pruritic rash of unknown etiology, that has been known to cause significant HIV-related morbidity in the adult HIV population. PPE is reported as the most common rash seen in HIV, and is reported as the presenting symptom in 25-50% of patients worldwide, depending on geographic location. PPE is much more predominant in developing countries. It can also cause disfigurement and is a major cause of stigmata due to the scarring and hyperpigmentation that it leaves behind. There is no known treatment for PPE, and it is fairly resistant to numerous modes of therapy. A few studies in adults suggest that PPE responds well to anti-retroviral therapy. As a result, some have suggested that PPE be added to the list of conditions to qualify for anti-retroviral therapy. My project is to evaluate children with HIV/AIDS for PPE and monitor its progress and treatment once the children are started on anti-retroviral therapy. All children diagnosed with HIV/AIDS at GHTM are admitted to the local ward for treatment, nutritional assessment, and education surrounding HIV/AIDS. I also plan to work with the local health care staff to raise awareness amongst local health care providers about PPE. I want to help them identify and distinguish PPE from other dermatological manifestations, as well as help aid in earlier diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in the pediatric population."

Catalina G. Hoyos, MD
University of Massachusetts Medical School
León, Nicaragua

"I will engage in a four-week clinical experience focused in the pediatrics department of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua teaching hospital, Hospital Escuela Oscar Danilo Rosales Arguello (HEODRA). Additionally, I will have the opportunity to visit private clinics in the León area to compare standards of care with government institutions. Lastly, I will work with one of the internists from HEODRA in a rural clinic in El Porvenir, a rural community east of León, where the population is in need of resources including clean water, electricity, and health care."

San "Sonny" Tat, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Hanoi, Vietnam

"Set at Vietnam's National Hospital for Pediatrics "the country's major pediatric referral center" this elective will combine a diversity of cases with a different country's academic environment and resource set. The experience will be divided into two clinical components and supplemented by a research angle. The first clinical rotation will be in the NICU, an approximately 50 bed unit staffed by residents and attendings. The second component will be in the hospital's emergency department. For research, I will collect referral data for children sent for hyperbilirubinemia and associated exchange transfusion. The research goal is identifying regional hospitals that would benefit from neonatal jaundice education and phototherapy lights."

Andrea Van Wyk, MD
University of Minnesota
Siem Reap, Cambodia

"I will be doing a clinical rotation at Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. My advisor and pediatric infectious disease physician from my residency program, Dr. Stephen Swanson, has spent some time recently at AHC studying antimicrobial resistance patterns. Because of his passion for clinical teaching, he was invited back to attend on the wards alongside Cambodian physicians. AHC also invited two other residents to join Dr. Swanson. I will be caring for patients in the critical care and general pediatric ward, participating in community health outreaches, preparing teaching materials/presentations for the curriculum module entitled "Rights of the Child" for the local residents, and working on a small research/educational project."

Jamie Breanne Warren, MD
Oregon Health & Science University
Iquitos and Belen, Peru

"Amazon Promise is a U.S.-based non-profit organization that was founded to provide medical care to the populations in the Amazon Basin of northern Peru, as well as volunteer-based medical outreach, training, and education in several surrounding jungle villages. Along with providing services in the clinic that Amazon Promise is currently building in Belen, my mentor and I have been asked to investigate and design a training program in newborn resuscitation and care for the community of Belen."