Opportunities in:
- Cape Town, South Africa
- East London, South Africa
- Cayes-Jacmel, Haiti
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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GHAPS
Global Health Advocacy Program in Surgery

Bridging the divide of global surgical inequality from the ground up.

Oregon Health & Science University
Department of Surgery
Bridging gaps in global surgical inequality.

The Global Health Advocacy Program was developed by surgical faculty and residents at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, OR to foster a growing interest in international surgical care within our department. GHAPS provides opportunities for surgical residents to travel to Cape Town, South Africa to obtain their Master's in Public Health at the University of Cape Town.

In addition, both faculty and resident members of GHAPS have initiated multiple clinical experiences and research projects to evaluate surgical care in developing countries in partnership with OHSU. Research has included studies in the US, South Africa, and in East Africa since June 2009. These initiatives have become a significant part of the GHAPS experience.

**GHAPS Goals:**

**Teaching**
OHSU faculty and residents in GHAPS may participate in a wide range of opportunities including the two-year Global Surgery Track, short-term global surgical experiences, teaching in medical student seminars and a global surgery journal club.

**Healing**
GHAPS seeks to financially and logistically support surgical resident involvement in the surgical care of global under served populations. Trainees will focus on the skills necessary to initiate infrastructure development to improve global surgical care. Our goal is to create surgeons who are able to not only operate abroad, but who also have the tools needed to improve healthcare systems in a sustainable fashion.

**Discovery**
GHAPS members will create their own research projects and assist in other ongoing projects both at OHSU and abroad, with the goal of participation at international conferences. GHAPS is involved with the OHSU Global Health Center to foster a collaborative relationship with other medical disciplines.

**Current Opportunities:**

- **Global Surgery Track for surgical residents** (2 year commitment): Masters in Public Health at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- **Short-term global surgical experiences:** Cape Town, South Africa • East London, South Africa • Cayes-Jacmel, Haiti • Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- **Medical Student seminars:** Elective seminar for OHSU students interested in global surgery
- **Research:** Numerous ongoing research opportunities at OHSU, South Africa and other international sites
- **Reciprocity:** Plan to develop visiting professorships and clinical observations with our international surgical colleagues

To date, we have had three surgical residents participate in the Global Surgery Track, one from July 2009 to June 2011, another from July 2010 to June 2012, and a third from July 2013 to present. Our goal is to have a resident going on yearly basis.

**GHAPS Mission:** To create sustainable surgical care for all populations by building a foundation in global surgical public health for the Oregon Health and Science University's surgical faculty, residents, and medical students; and by developing international surgical collaborations which provide an environment to share and practice clinical, research, and educational skills in surgical global health.