

Global Collaboration in Ethiopia

Surgical Team

Partner: Gimbie Adventist Hospital, a rural hospital located in Western Ethiopia.

Trips: Twice a year in November and April for two weeks at a time.

What we look for in a team:

Preference given to OHSU providers although we are open to those outside of the OHSU system if they are a good fit for the project. Prior international work experience in a developing country setting is a plus although not a requirement. We look for people who are great team players and work well in a setting with limited resources. We also expect team members to volunteer in fundraising activities and participate in our efforts to acquire medical supplies and other necessities for the project. We expect our team to teach and train local staff during these surgical projects as one of the goals of this project is to build local capacity. As such, participants with a passion and ideas for teaching and improving practice will be great assets. We generally apply for business visa for everyone in the team approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the travel date. Therefore, you will need a valid passport in advance.

Team make up:

1. **Two senior (fourth year) obstetrics and gynecology residents.** Selection is based on an application process which should be submitted to Dr. Rahel Nardos (nardosr@ohsu.edu) during their third year residency, by January 30th. The application should include 1 page personal statement that describes their interest and background as well as why they think they are the best candidate. They should also provide names of two faculty who can comment on their surgical and clinical skills. The application will be reviewed by a faculty team well versed in global work.
2. **Two OR/Scrub nurses or techs:** Strong preference for those with gynecologic surgery experience. Past experience with international surgical work is a plus but not a requirement. If you have worked with one of the past participants in this project, please let us know as it provides great reference during our selection process.

3. **Two anesthesia faculty (MD or cRNA):** At least one of the provider has to have done international work in developing countries. Senior level residents may participate if selected and supervised by the faculty participant as long as they have been approved through their department and appropriate graduate medical education protocol.
4. **Two urogynecology or Gynecology faculty/fellow:** Fellows or gynecology faculty must have at least 1-2 year experience in pelvic floor surgery and must be able to operate independently with minimal supervision and assistance. At least one of the providers will be a Urogynecology faculty and preferably have been involved in this project or has had other similar international surgical experience.
5. **Two nurses :** At least one should have experience providing critical care to post surgical patients. Both participants should have experience with management of post operative patients. Participants will be involved in teaching and guiding local nurses in post operative care. A background in teaching will be a plus.

After reading this material, if you feel that you have the skills and background to join our team, please contact our administrative assistant **Sladjana Stojanovic** at stojanos@ohsu.edu. Please provide a paragraph describing your qualifications and your interest. We will add your name to our list of interested participants will be in touch with you when we are recruiting teams.

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Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

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