GWU Global EM Division

Spring 2025 Newsletter

Global Health Division

The Global Health Division has had a productive and eventful Spring 2025. The GWU Global Health Division/Ronald Reagan Institute of Emergency Medicine (RRIEM) group is actively working around the world to strengthen emergency care through education, collaboration, and hands-on training. Over the last six months, the group has traveled to numerous sites including: India, Kenya, Jamaica, and Rwanda.

Mission Statement

To improve global health through education, research, and service with the aim to enhance emergency care systems worldwide by promoting collaboration, advancing medical education, and conducting impactful research that addresses critical health challenges in underserved populations.

India

In April, the group traveled to Kochi, India, and led a faculty development workshop focused on helping local educators grow their teaching and leadership skills. This is part of the division's ongoing work across India through the MEM program, where GWU/RRIEM faculty and fellows continue to provide academic sessions, bedside teaching, and hands-on training throughout India. These efforts are helping to shape strong emergency care systems and support the next generation of emergency medicine leaders.

The division is made up of a dedicated team, including faculty members: Dr. Tania Ahluwalia, Dr. Uche Anigbogu, Dr. Janice Blanchard, Dr. Sangeeta Desai, Dr. Kate Douglass, Dr. Shweta Gidwani, Dr. Susan Owens, Dr. Joe Pauly; Fellows: Dr. Aubrie Ford, Dr. Mallika Manyapu, Dr. Jerry Oommen, and administrative lead Ms. Chaiko Lewis.

Jamaica

Dr. Uche Anigbogu spent two weeks in Jamaica with International Medical Corps (IMC) directing the first WHO Mass Casualty Management Course in Emergency Units (MCM in EU) held in the Caribbean. This training aimed to improve emergency response preparedness, particularly after devastating hurricanes have impacted the island.

Rwanda

Dr. Mallika Manyapu traveled to Rwanda and is working closely with local partners to support teaching of emergency care programs.

Kenya

In March, the team traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to collaborate with colleagues at Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) to support capacity-building efforts and expand emergency medicine education in the region. Below shows teaching of practical Emergency Medicine skills such as resuscitation, stabilization, and airway management.

Interested in learning more?

If you are interested in learning more about the Global EM division including: project opportunities, teaching initiatives, or research, please reach out to one of the Global EM faculty or fellows and visit our website!

https://reaganinstitute.smhs.gwu.edu/global-emergency-medicine

Recognitions

Our EM trainees in India participated in a **Pediatric Emergency Medicine Case Competition.**
Please join us in congratulating the outstanding winners:

First Place PGY 1:
Dr. Abisho Jebarson, PGY1, Aster Kannur "Fulminant Shock in a Febrile Child: Myocarditis"
First Place PGY 2/3:
Dr. Arun MG PGY 3 Aster Med City "The Fragile Thread of Life: Mending a Child's Slit Throat"
Honorable mentions: Dr. Shashi – Vaishali, Dr. Viren – Nagpur, Drs. Nikita and Shivangi - Max PPG, Dr. Shama S – Believers