

# Medical Mission Opportunities (International)

- **Health Volunteers Overseas**

Service areas include: Anesthesia, dermatology, hand surgery and therapy, hematology, internal medicine, nurse anesthesia, nurse education, oncology, oral health, orthopedics, pediatrics, physical therapy, special projects, and wound and lymphedema. Volunteer sites are carefully selected and thoroughly vetted before volunteers are sent to the field. Most programs require that volunteers serve for one month, but there are some sites where one may serve for two weeks. Longer placements are also possible.

- **Doctors without Borders**

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international medical humanitarian organization. MSF generally requests for 9-12 month commitments, but shorter assignments are available, especially for in demand specialties, such as orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists, HIV/AIDS and TB specialists, and OB/GYNs

- **US Doctors for Africa**

US Doctors for Africa is a humanitarian organization committed to increasing access to medical care for diseases and conditions affecting the people of Africa. By mobilizing and distributing medical manpower, supplies, and equipment to medical institutions throughout the continent of Africa, we are able to provide medical and preventative healthcare and capacity-building to regions of Africa without available medical services. US Doctors for Africa believe that healthcare is a basic human right, and recognizes that a healthy population is essential for growth, development, and prosperity in every society. The organization partners with carefully screened medical organizations in Africa and matches their needs with the available volunteer base. Our goal is to make the volunteering experience a valuable, safe and gratifying one. [Apply Here](#)

- **American Medical Association**

Visit the American Medical Association's Office of International Medicine and discover ways to volunteer abroad. Opportunities range from research, to week long medical missions.

- **Physicians for Peace**

Physicians for Peace was founded in 1989, dedicated to the ideal that healthcare in the developing world can best be improved by providing training and education to health care professionals in those countries. When we send one volunteer medical professional overseas, that person trains many of their peers in-country, who will later heal thousands or tens of thousands of patients in the world's most underserved populations. By focusing on long-term, sustainable, replicable medical education and training, teams of medical volunteers are sent to places where their teaching and healing skills are needed most. Physicians volunteer for 1 to 6 weeks. [Apply Here](#)

- **Medical Expeditions International**

Meeting the needs of patients and animals who require medical care in some of the world's poorest and most remote areas is the goal of Medical Expeditions International (MEI). We set up temporary clinics in the areas we serve to provide health care to those who are most in need. MEI strives to provide continuity of care by visiting the same project sites several times a year and by working alongside and training local health care providers. All of our volunteers donate their services and pay for their travel costs.

- **Esperanca, Inc.**

Since 1970, Esperança has been providing health and hope for the world's poor through health and development projects and a volunteer surgical program in more than 14 countries around the world, including the United States. Our mission is to improve health and provide hope for families in the poorest communities of the world through sustainable disease prevention, education and treatment. Surgical teams are sent to Bolivia 8-10 times per year. Surgeons are generally responsible for assembling their own team (anesthesiologist and surgical nurse or tech) and are responsible for travel costs. For more information click [Here](#)

- **Hospital Albert Schweitzer-Haiti**

HAS is a 130 bed hospital providing services to the residents of Haiti in Artibonite Valley. The hospital's full-time complement of 14 physicians and 50 nurses are Haitian, supported by visiting specialists from the US and Europe. International volunteers are accepted on a pre-scheduled basis, depending on the clinical needs of the HAS patient population.

- **ReSurge**

ReSurge International (formerly Interplast) provides free reconstructive surgeries for the poor and builds year-round medical access in underserved areas. Unlike many organizations, our participants pay only a flat fee of \$325 toward travel expenses; ReSurge covers all remaining transportation and accommodation costs, although team members are responsible for some of their own meals during the trip. Additional voluntary contributions to help defray trip expenses are certainly welcomed. Teams generally include 10 to 15 members.

- **Surgical Eye Expeditions International**

Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization that provides medical, surgical, and educational services by volunteer ophthalmic surgeons with the primary objective of restoring sight to disadvantaged blind individuals worldwide. A typical surgical clinic usually lasts for five days, Monday through Friday. Visiting surgeons are responsible for all travel, lodging, and food costs, unless provided for by the host surgeons.

- **International Medical Corps**

International Medical Corps is looking for highly trained medical staff to add to our emergency response roster, which requires that volunteers be willing to deploy rapidly—usually within 72 hours—and for a duration of 2–8 weeks. (Preference is given to those able to deploy for longer durations.) In most instances, volunteers will be required to pay for their own flights, but will receive a food allowance for each day spent in the field, shared housing, and emergency medical evacuation insurance.

- **Operation Smile**

Operation Smile is a charity organization healing children's smiles, making the world a better place. As a children's charity, we measure ourselves by the joy we see on all of the faces we help. At Operation Smile, we're more than a charity organization. More than an NGO. We're a mobilized force of medical professionals and caring hearts who provide safe, effective reconstructive surgery for children born with facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate.

- **Project Hope**

Since 1958, Project HOPE has worked to make health care available for people around the globe. We are committed to long-term sustainable health care. Our work includes educating health professionals and community health workers, strengthening health facilities, fighting diseases such as TB, HIV/AIDS and diabetes and providing humanitarian assistance through donated medicines, medical supplies and volunteer medical help. Medical volunteers for HOPE participate in both ship-based care in partnership with the U.S. Navy, as well as land-based missions to provide medical assistance to those in need around the world.

- **Project Orbis**

ORBIS prevents and treats blindness by providing quality eye care to transform lives. How do we do this? By providing the tools, training, and technology necessary for local partners to develop their own capacity to provide quality eye care services that are affordable, accessible and sustainable. ORBIS is dedicated to saving sight and eliminating avoidable blindness worldwide.. Most ORBIS medical volunteer opportunities are short-term, averaging seven to 10 days total.

- **Seva Foundation**

Working in nine countries in addition to the United States, Seva Foundation provides financial resources and technical expertise to help communities build sustainable solutions to poverty and disease. Volunteer opportunities are primarily for ophthalmologists.

Send us an opportunity to be a medical volunteer

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