

Global Health Lecture Series

Wednesday
May 1, 2013
ACB 110
Noon



SHORT TERM MEDICAL MISSIONS: ORGANIZING AND GETTING INVOLVED IN TRIPS THAT HAVE A LASTING IMPACT

FEATURING

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As future healthcare professionals, many of us have a desire to help those in less prosperous settings. But if we don't have a proper understanding of the relevant health issues, we can do more harm than good. During this presentation, Michael Parsa, MD will discuss what can be done to determine the utility of specific short term medical mission (STM) projects, how to plan effective STMs, and ways to insure STMs do not cause harm to the communities they are designed to serve. Dr. Parsa will also address the difference between relief and development and in what circumstance each is appropriate. In addition, he will discuss effective models that empower local communities to rise up and meet existing needs in sustainable ways.

The objectives of this presentation include: identify common errors and misconceptions in STM planning, identify the key features necessary for non-surgical STMs to make a sustainable and empowering impact, and discuss alternative non-surgical STM models that have unquestionable long term value.

This presentation will originate in El Paso (room AEC 212) and be linked to Amarillo (room 4713), Lubbock (ACB 110), and Odessa (room 2C91.)

Free lunch will be provided to the first 40 attendees! (Lubbock campus only)

SPRING 2013 SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS

- ⇒ Wednesday April 17 (ACB110)
Marie Leiner, PhD, Mental Health & Children
on the US/Mexico Border
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 1 (ACB110)
Michael D. Parsa, MD FAAEM, Challenges of
Short-Term Medical Missions

- ⇒ Thursday, May 9 (ACB120)
Dr. K.M Cherian, International Center for
Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Diseases, India
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 22 (ACB110)
Vera Von Bergen, MSIV, 4th year elective at
King George Medical University, India

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