Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Global Health Unit Newsletter

November 2018

Announcements

The following is a list of global health events that may interest our OBGYN staff, residents and personnel, as collated by The Dalhousie Global Health Office.

Nov 19 - 21, 2018 in Toronto:

Canadian Conference on Global Health

Mar 8 - 10, 2019 in Chicago:

CUGH 2019: Translation and Implementation for Impact in Global Health

Jun 3 - 6, 2019 in Vancouver:

Women Deliver Conference

For a comprehensive list of events, please explore the bi-weekly Global Health Office Bulletin

North End Community Health Clinic

The NECHC continues to be part of the OBGYN residents' rotation schedule and continues to be held once a month.

The clinic will start servicing MOSH patients on a regular basis (MOSH provides health care services for the homeless, insecurely housed and underserved members of the community)

The last clinic of 2018 will be held on December 10th.

For more information, please contact Hala Nader at hala.nader@iwk.nshealth.ca or 470-7176.

Elective Opportunity at the IWK

The Department of ObsGyn is pleased to announce its plan to offer a new elective experience in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax to a senior resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology from Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. This experience will primarily focus on maternal fetal medicine but also includes prenatal diagnosis, fetal ultrasound, maternal medicine, gynecologic imaging, preconception counseling, assessment of fetal wellbeing as well as approaches to research and clinical audit, simulation and interprofessional practice.

We are currently in the process of selecting a resident in collaboration with a committee based at Korle Bu.

Stay tuned for more details!



Newcomer Health Clinic

Our OBGYN residents and staff members continue to run the Newcomer Women's Health Clinic on Mumford Road offering education and services to newcomer/refugee women. Educational sessions include prenatal care, nutrition, activity during pregnancy, labour and delivery, and post-partum and newborn issues. The clinic also provides preventative health and primary medical services for women who are government assisted refugees, privately sponsored refugees and refugee claimants in the greater Halifax area.

Volunteers needed!



On September 26th, the Dalhousie Global Health Office hosted the annual Global Health Day where the Halifax and Dalhousie community had the opportunity to learn more about the programs, research and partnerships occurring at Dalhousie

University in the field of global health. It was an exciting day with a 2-hour poster session in the Tupper Link highlighting the research conducted by students, faculty and clinicians. Dr. Jocelyn Stairs presented a poster that outlined three of the Global Health Unit's main initiatives: The North End Community Health Women's Clinic, The Newcomer Health Clinic, and the Global Health Interest Group. Other poster presentations



were shared in the categories of International Education, Local Education and Partners. Following the poster session, a panel discussion "Where do we see global health in 150-200 years?" took place featuring Dr. Margaret Casey as the

moderator, Dr. Heather Scott, and Dr. Henry Annan. The engaging conversation was well attended, and the audience heard various perspectives on the future of global health.

Resident Research: Triage at Cape Coast Teaching Hospital

By: Dr. Lauren Adolph

As part of our mandate in bringing about equity in healthcare, we are currently working on a study of the obstetric triage system, the Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment (ETAT), in a teaching hospital in Cape Coast, Ghana. The ETAT is an obstetric-specific triage tool designed and tested by the non-for-profit organization Kybele Inc. in collaboration with Ridge Hospital in Accra, Ghana. Ghana's healthcare system has had experience with this type of formalized triage system in some centers,



including initial experience at the proposed study site, Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (CCTH). However, the study of the effectiveness and sustainability of such a triage system has not yet occurred and this project aims to do just that. We are studying the ETAT triage system and its associated training model, of initial training and ongoing retraining, in order to improve triage implementation and effective longevity at CCTH. The ETAT triage system will, it is expected, give the skilled staff at CCTH the ongoing ability to better assess and treat obstetric patients in this low resource setting. We are currently in the data collection phase. The staff at CCTH have already gone through two rounds of ETAT training and are implementing this system as we speak.