
The Committee on Global Health's mission is to expand the understanding of global health issues, while at the same time promoting the active participation of members in a variety of global health-related projects. The committee also serves as an information and service resource for those interested in global health. Committee members have shared a brief bio, so you have a better understanding of their background and interests. Many have included their email address and are open to being contacted to share more about their work or discuss possible collaboration. We hope that you find this to be a valuable resource as you expand your understanding of global health.



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Dr. Deb is a Neurologist and Movement Disorders specialist at the University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine. In these roles, she organizes and delivers global health didactics, leads discussion sessions, and places trainees in community-based and international electives. UMass has extensive international collaborations including but not limited to India, Kenya, Bolivia, Liberia, Dominican Republic, and China.

In her global health research, Dr. Deb has developed a collaboration with the Neurology Department at Charutar Arogya Mandal and its affiliated hospital, Shree Krishna Hospital in Gujarat, India. She has facilitated bidirectional exchange of residents and faculty.

Keywords: neurology, global neurology, (global) medical education, neuroepidemiology, Parkinson's disease prevalence



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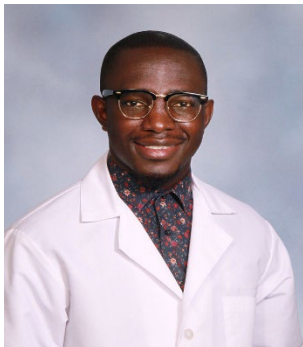
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Dr. Uma Dhanabalan is a highly respected, Harvard trained physician known to most as Dr. Uma™. Dr. Uma's mission is to change the stigma regarding Cannabis and for the world to know about the Endocannabinoid system through education. She is an educator, advocate, activist and speaks locally & globally about cannabis as a plant medicine and a global solution.

She has received awards from the American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine for her research project: "Occupational & Environmental Exposure to Lead in South India", from The 7th World Ayurveda Conference & Arogya Expo for her presentation "Cannabis & The Therapeutic Uses", The Educational Achievement Award presented by Clover Leaf at Cannabis Business Award 2017, Award from High Times Inaugural Female 50, The International Cannabis Activist Award at The 10th Anniversary Cannabis Business Awards 2022 , Cannabis Philanthropist Award 2022-2023, "Blood, Sweat & Tears" from the Crohn's Charity Service Foundation and most recently, the 2023 Warrior Women Award presented by Etain and The JUSTUS Foundation.

She received her Bachelor of Arts with High Honors from Rutgers University; her Medical Degree from the University of Medicine & Dentistry; her Family Practice Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina; her Masters in Public Health, Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residency, and Fellowship in Heavy Metals at the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Dr. Falade obtained his first degree in Nigeria before relocating to Ukraine for his medical education and MBA in hospital and healthcare management. His main interests include global oncology, incorporating global health into residency and fellowship training, bridging the gap in quality of cancer care across low- and middle-income countries.

As a physician from Nigeria, he has a firsthand experience on the disparity between cancer care in developing nations compared to the developed countries. In 2019, he founded an NGO that caters to promotion of cancer screening and education about best practices in the rural areas of south-west Nigeria.

As a leader of the European medical student association (EMSA) chapter in Kharkov, Ukraine, he organized and facilitated multiple medical outreaches across the state during his medical education.

Other interests include improving the quality of care for sickle cell patients through partnerships and utilizing evidence-based medicine.

Keywords: Global oncology, global health incorporation into medical education, LMIC, bridging the gap, sickle cell disease



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Dr. Hathaway participated in a medical mission trip to the Colombian and the Brazilian amazon rainforest in his fourth year of medical school at UConn. He has friends and family around the world, many of whom have received their medical training overseas.

His current interests include the impact of addiction and substance use disorders on the developing world.

Keywords: mental Health, psychiatry, addiction, substance use disorders, postgraduate medical education, religion, and spirituality



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Dr. Mahadevan received his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Madras (Chennai), India in 1987 and received his Master of Surgery in Orthopedics from the University of Mumbai, India in 1991. After being awarded Fellowships of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow, United Kingdom, Dr. Mahadevan moved to the United States to practice medicine.

He has been involved in Cancer Care education and training in resource-contained settings in Tanzania, Bangladesh, and India. Ongoing collaborations include establishing quality control and best practice guidelines in resource-contained settings in collaboration with health care professionals in oncology departments in these countries.

Keywords: cancer prevention and treatment, health promotion.



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Dr. Memon is a PGY-4 at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency. She obtained both her undergraduate and medical degree through the Six-Year BA/MD Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her interests include emergency medicine capacity building and curriculum development in low- and middle-income countries. Her prior work during medical school included a focus on refugee care where she organized multiple health screenings for refugees in Kansas City. She has worked on capacity building projects in Pakistan and Iraq during residency and hopes to continue this work as she pursues a Global Emergency Medicine Fellowship next year. She is currently working on a telemedicine initiative in Pakistan, primarily aiming to connect physicians in larger urban areas in Pakistan to patients who live in more rural areas. Through this project, she plans to create the first open-source educational curriculum for urgent care telemedicine for a global audience.

Keywords: Emergency medicine, capacity building, medical education, digital innovation, telemedicine



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Current global health engagement/interests/collaborations: Fighting misinformation about COVID vaccine, supporting with medical information, and training multiple COVID units in Lebanon so they can help their communities. Medication drive, in collaboration with Boston Medical Center to tackle the medication shortage in Lebanon.

Keywords: crisis, conflict, education and medical missions, networking, health equity



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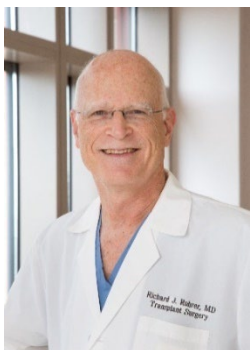
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Dr. Pigeolet has prior experience working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Togo, and Uganda where she was involved in research, clinical work, and student-run public health initiatives.

Her main interests lay in the management and outcome of pediatric orthopedic care provision in low- and middle-income countries. She is currently involved in studies in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Zambia. In collaboration with several Pakistani partners she has been working on developing cost-effective screening and treatment programs for congenital anomalies. She would be happy to discuss potential areas for collaboration with medical students and trainees who might share her interests.

Keywords: pediatric surgery, orthopedics, quality of care, geo-patial analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis



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Dr. Rohrer is a surgeon in Greater Boston, and he is the Faculty Lead for the Tufts Fourth-Year Global Health Elective in Panama, and Director of Clinical Preceptorships for the NGO Amazon Promise, based in Iquitos, Peru. His early introduction to Global Health took place in Africa and Southeast Asia. Current roles are in medical education in Central and South America, both for local and visiting health care providers. More specific efforts have been made to introduce ATLS & ALSO training programs in Central America, and to initiate a dialysis access program in Iquitos; he plans to continue with these as opportunities arise. He enjoys collaborating with medical students in Panama and Peru, as well as those from the UK, USA, and Australia.

Key Words: medical education, global surgery, trauma care, dialysis access surgery, Central America, South America.



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Dr. Sarfaty's passion for global health began while in medical school with a clinical immersion experience in a rural hospital in Chile. She returned for two months during internal medicine residency to work on a case control study of human papilloma virus in rural clinics on the outskirts of Santiago. She also participated in several short-term mission trips in Honduras and Ecuador. As Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Sarfaty helped to build the global health program at Boston University School of Medicine over the past 20 years, leading curriculum development, mentoring workshops and helping to spearhead a pre-departure open access course now used widely across the country "The Practitioners Guide to Global Health." * She is committed to helping students of the health professions achieve success in whatever path they choose. She has served on national committees for Global Health (IHMEC, GHEC, CUGH) and loves to collaborate on global themes across disciplines. She has spent her clinical career working in the East Boston Community Health Center, primarily with the immigrant Hispanic community. While not currently engaged in research, she is happy to serve as a mentor for medical students with similar interests.

Key words: predeparture preparation, Community Health (Latinx), Refugee/Immigrant health, Medical Spanish, Student Mentorship

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