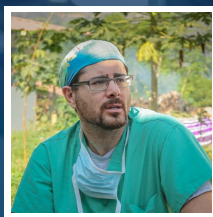


The Future of Global Surgery



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CURRENT RESEARCH

Basic essential surgery can save lives and should be available to all

5 billion people on Earth don't have access to adequate surgical care, as only 3% of the surgeries each year occur on poor countries. In fact, people die everyday from basic surgical needs due to the shortage of surgeons or the cost of surgery. Dr. Ziad Sifri, Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of the Global Surgery fellowship at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, organizes and plans 2-3 surgical missions annually to deliver free surgical care to underserved communities internationally, through volunteer services. As founding director of International Surgical Health Initiative (ISHI), a humanitarian non-profit organization (501c3) he cofounded in 2009, Dr. Sifri trains medical students and residents mainly at Rutgers to participate in and eventually take charge of surgical missions. Through education, training, and collaboration, Dr. Sifri hopes to not only open up the eyes of young doctors to the global surgical needs and how they can choose to contribute their talents worldwide, but also to establish lasting and trusting relationships with the local hospitals in developing countries.

One of the few medical centers in the US providing opportunities in international surgery, ISHI has had more than 15 residents dispatched on missions in the past five years. In each mission, a team of 12-18 people including residents, medical students, anesthesiologists, nurses, and specialized surgeons would volunteer 1-2 weeks of their time in a developing country to locally operate a minimum of 50 major surgeries per mission, supplying instruments and medication and providing the local staff with training and collaboration to continue providing quality care and knowledge exchange. Some of the countries that Dr...

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AFFILIATION



Rutgers University

EDUCATION

- M.D., McGill University
- General Surgery Residency, Johns Hopkins University
- Trauma and Critical Care Fellowships, Rutgers University

AWARDS

- Winner for the EAST Orients Award "mentor," 2015
- Nominated for Golden Apple Teaching Award at NJMSI, 2001, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
- Winner of the Golden Apple Teaching Award at NJMS, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013
- Winner of the New Jersey Medical School "Excellence in Teaching" Award, 2010
- AAST/KCI Research Scholarship Award Recipient, 2009/2010
- and 1 more...

RESEARCH AREAS

Life Science, Infectious, Musculoskeletal, Oncology / Cancer

FUNDING REQUEST

Dr. Sifri at Rutgers University and his volunteer team at International Surgical Health Initiative are organizing missions to deliver free surgical care around the world. Donations will help fund the \$70K required to support each resident dedicating a year of their training to a fellowship in international surgery, and other costs, to train and support students to be able to run a mission and help develop surgical capacity in poor countries. Help make a difference for those who need it most; fund Dr. Ziad Sifri.