# Developing Global Partnerships for Pharmacy Education

Global Pharmacy Education SIG Webinar

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### **Program Description**

The main purpose of this webinar is to examine effective strategies for building successful global partnerships for pharmacy education. Specifically, to highlight approaches for overcoming challenges for building global partnerships and share "best practices" and "lessons learned" from a panel of experts on global education.



# Objectives

1. To examine the rationale for developing global partnerships to enhance pharmacy education globally

2. To share examples of successful global partnerships in research and scholarship



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### **Global Partnerships-I\***

<u>Title</u>: Meeting the Needs of Underserved Patients in Western Kenya by Creating the Next Generation of Global Health Pharmacists

**Objective:** To describe a novel training model used to create a sustainable public health-focused

pharmacy residency based in Kenya and to describe the outcomes of this training program on underserved populations.

**Design:** The postgraduate year 2 residency was designed to expose trainees to the unique public health

facets of inpatient, outpatient, and community-based care delivery in low and middle-income countries.

Public health areas of focus included supply chain management, reproductive health, pediatrics, HIV, chronic disease management, and teaching.

Assessment: The outcomes of the residency were assessed based on the number of new clinical

programs developed by residents, articles and abstracts written by residents, and resident participation

in grant writing. To date, six residents from the United States and eight Kenyan residents have completed the residency. Eleven sustainable patient care services have been implemented as a result of the residency program.

<u>Conclusion</u>: This pharmacy residency training model developed accomplished pharmacists in public health pharmacy, with each residency class expanding funding and clinical programming, contributing to curriculum development, and creating jobs.

\* Miller ML, Karwa R, Schellhase EM, et al., Meeting the Needs of Underserved Patients in Western Kenya by Creating the Next Generation of Global Health Pharmacists AJPE 2016; 80 (2) Article 22.

### **Global Partnerships-II\***

**Objective:** The objective of this commentary is to explore the potential role of the pharmacist in the field of global health by understanding the definition of global health and how it can be applied to the profession of pharmacy.

**Summary**: While the role of the pharmacist in public health has been defined, the literature is limited with respect to the role of the pharmacist in global health. It is suggested that the "global" in global health should refer to the scope of a problem and not necessarily the geographic location. Through this lens, pharmacists have the opportunity to play an important role in both public health and global health. In particular, pharmacists can look at the varied global health careers established in medicine and use this as a framework to understand the potential role of the pharmacist within global health practice and program delivery, research, and policy.

**Conclusions:** To further define the role of the pharmacist in global health, pharmacists may have to change their perception of what services they can provide and where these services can be applied.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Steeb DR, Joyner PU, & Thakker DR. Exploring the Role of the Pharmacist in Global Health. / Am Pharm Assoc. 2014;54:552-555. doi: 10.1331/JAPhA.2014.13251

### An Ethics-Based Approach to Global health Research: Building partnerships in global health\*

#### AB S T R A C T:

<u>Global health partnerships</u> (GHPs) can be the cornerstone for advancing research and public health. The <u>steps</u> to build a global research partnership focus on sharing a <u>common research agenda</u>, identifying <u>key partners</u> in the community, and establishing <u>goals and expectations</u> for partnerships. Moreover, upholding important <u>values</u>, such as <u>communication</u>, <u>trust</u>, and <u>transparency</u> is essential for building <u>successful partnerships</u>. Ethical dilemmas can propose challenges to researchers in global health. These <u>challenges</u> can be <u>overcome</u> by creating a <u>shared vision</u> for a research agenda, maintaining <u>communication</u>, and providing <u>bidirectional training</u>.

- Seo SW, Ombengi D, Sultan D, Kahaleh AA. *et al.*, Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy 16 (2020) 1574-1579.
- https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sapharm.2020.06.015

#### Strategies for Overcoming Logistic & Implementation Challenges\*

#### AB S T R A C T:

With the growth of <u>global pharmacy partnerships</u> and collaborative research, particularly between <u>high-income</u> countries and <u>low- or middle-income</u> countries, it is necessary to establish <u>best practices</u> for fair and <u>ethical collaboration</u> and <u>research</u>. There is a gap in the pharmacy literature in this regard. Through this commentary, authors will present a <u>pathway</u> for future global health researchers including <u>generating ideas</u> based on <u>mutual needs</u> of the <u>partnership</u> and the <u>community</u>; exploring the importance of <u>regulations</u> including the need to conduct research and partnership projects within the confines of each participant's professional <u>scope of practice</u>, <u>expertise</u>, and <u>licensure</u>; describing the need to develop <u>agreements</u> and the <u>components</u> that should be included in such an agreement; discussing <u>ethical guidelines</u> for research <u>planning</u>, obtaining <u>ethical approval</u>, and planning for <u>adverse events</u>; and <u>illustrating ethical considerations</u> for research implementation with considerations around <u>consent</u>, <u>data</u> <u>collection</u>, <u>linking patients to care</u> after the completion of the study, and dissemination. Global examples, with a <u>pharmacy-specific approach</u> where applicable, within each section highlight the importance of discussion and action around <u>ethics and equity</u> when pursuing collaborative research, recognizing that many of these situations involve difficult decisions.

\*Lukas S,\* Crowe S, Law M, Kahaleh AA, et al., *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy* 16 (2020) 1580-1587. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sapharm.2020.07.010</u>.

### Emphasis on Partnership Funding \*

#### AB S T R A C T:

Acquiring <u>funding</u> for global health research within pharmacy can be <u>challenging</u>, particularly for <u>new</u> investigators who may have a <u>strong interest</u> in <u>resolving global dilemmas</u> related to health. Moreover, there can be <u>inherent imbalances</u> and <u>ethical issues</u> when <u>navigating</u> the funding process for global partnerships. There exists a lack of literature providing <u>ethical guidance</u> for <u>mitigating dilemmas</u> that may arise. This commentary discusses current <u>funding streams</u> for investigators interested in <u>global</u> <u>pharmacy research</u>, as well as specific recommendations for the funding process. These <u>recommendations</u> include <u>managing</u> award funds, ethical <u>considerations</u> for funding research <u>partnerships</u>, and <u>balancing power</u> between <u>low to middle</u> income countries and <u>high-income</u> countries. Lastly, <u>case examples of funding partnerships</u> involving pharmacy are highlighted, emphasizing important lessons learned. This commentary addresses the <u>critical need</u> for providing global health researchers with both important <u>considerations</u> and <u>experience-based</u> recommendations for navigating global funding partnerships using an ethical approach.

\* Drame I, Kahaleh AA., Connor S., et al. *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy* 16 (2020) 1588-1596.

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### Scholarship and publications \*

#### AB S T R A C T:

Disseminating research <u>findings</u> from global health collaborations is essential to advancing science. However, there are a number of <u>ethical considerations</u> and potential <u>challenges</u> to address to ensure thoughtful and non-exploitative <u>reporting</u>. The factors include the <u>benefits</u> and <u>risks</u> to publication, <u>authorship</u> criteria or values, and the <u>accessibility</u> of forums or journals in which to pursue publication. This paper provides commentary related to <u>planning</u> for writing, <u>communicating</u> intentions to publish, obtaining <u>permissions</u> to publish, <u>risks</u> in <u>internationally</u> <u>collaborative</u> work, authorship <u>principles</u>, and journal selection. Authors' and editors' <u>knowledge</u> of <u>experienced</u> individuals from both <u>pharmacy literature</u>, <u>medical fields</u>, and general publications is incorporated to provide an <u>assessment</u> of <u>risks</u> and <u>benefits</u> of publication of international global health research.

\*Abrons J, Jonkman L, Nonyel N, Connor S, Ombengi D, Kahaleh AA. Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy 16 (2020) 1597-1601.

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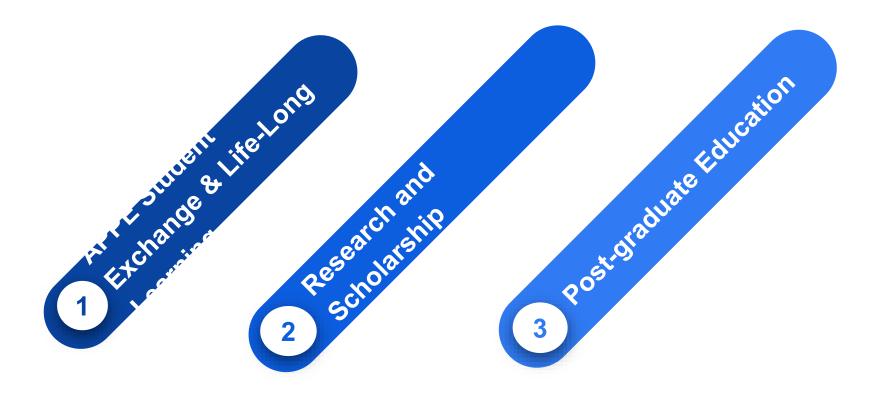


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### Areas of Global Partnerships





### Moving Beyond a Student Exchange Program to Life-long Learning





United Arab Emirates & USA: Student Exchange Partners

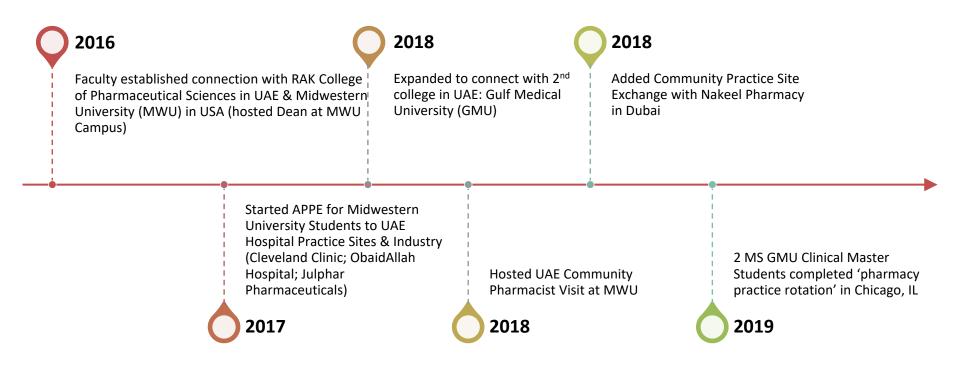
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**Community Practice** 

**Hospital Pharmacy** 

# Midwestern University & UAE Partners Exchange





#### Implementation of a Continuing Education Series to Promote Interprofessional Collaboration and Evidence Based Practice in UAE The symposium aimed to enhance interprofessional education and collaboration versions

The symposium aimed to enhance interprofessional education and collaboration while helping implement patient-centered collaborative healthcare as outlined by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)



Inter-professional Collaboration

- Perspective of various disciplines approach to patient-centered care
- Tailor presentations to the UAE healthcare workforce and population health needs
- Promote international collaborations in education and scholarship

#### **Interactive Case-Based Learning**

- Promote student involvement
- · Provide relevant updates on latest treatment guidelines
- Solidify understanding of strategies that can be used to apply evidence-based medicine

#### **Advancing Pharmacy Practice**

- Understand the role of the clinical pharmacist on an interdisciplinary team
- Provide practitioners from developing countries with innovative therapies and clinical guidelines updates
- · Increase the focus on patient and medication safety



Covered CE Topics

Applying Evidence-Based Medicine to Clinical Decision Making Cardiology, Diabetes, Cholesterol Management





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# Partnerships for Scholarship/Research





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#### Identify an interested International collaborator

Make contact, have a teleconference, discuss mutual interests for those in the organization

#### Facilitate the development of relationships

Hold a virtual "get together" that includes all those interested from both parties Research Collaboration resulting in grant submissions, abstracts, and manuscript publications



# Partnerships for Scholarship/Research

Local	Establish partnerships with global health non profit organizations in your surrounding area.
is	Determine mutual interest and needs.
Global	Establish novel training programs for students and new graduates (research or practice focused).





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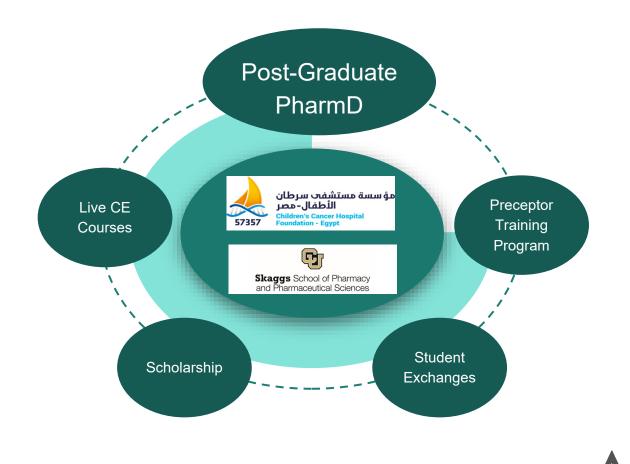


# Post-Graduate Educational Partnerships





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# Take Aways

- Explain the rationale for building global partnerships
- Expand the pharmacist's role in pharmacy practice globally
- Apply effective strategies, best practices, and lessons learned for building sustainable global partnerships
- Providing opportunities for future pharmacists in global health



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