



Partners In Health

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Job Title: Sub-Intern, Surgery Program

Reports to: PIH Surgery Director/Clinical Fellow(s)

Location: Zanmi Lasante, Haiti

Organizational Profile:

Partners In Health (PIH) is an internationally recognized non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a preferential option for the poor in health care. Through service delivery, training, advocacy and research, PIH works to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need. Headquartered in Boston, PIH has sites in Haiti and the Dominican Republic as well as Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Peru, Mexico, Russia, Kazakhstan, Boston and the Navajo Nation, where we work to lessen the joint burden of disease and poverty.

Founded in 1985, at a small community clinic in Cange, PIH and Zanmi Lasante (ZL, our Haiti-based sister organization) pioneered a community-based model of care, hiring and training thousands of accompagnateurs to prevent illness, monitor needs and deliver quality health care to people living with chronic diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis. In partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), PIH/ZL has expanded to a total of 12 sites in the Central Plateau and the Lower Artibonite, serving a catchment area of 1.3 million people.

Program Profile:

The Zanmi Lasante clinical team at Hopital Bon Sauveur in Cange, Haiti provides elective and emergency surgical care free of charge to the local population. These clinicians are supported by international specialist surgical teams that visit on a regular basis.

Job Description:

The Haiti Sub-Intern assures continuity of surgical care for all surgical patients of the Zanmi Lasante Hopital Bon Sauveur in Cange, Haiti with some work in Hopital Universite Mibale by directly participating in their care and serving as a clinical liaison between visiting surgeons & surgical teams, and onsite clinical staff. The principal roles and responsibilities of the Sub-Intern include:

1. Facilitating communication and collaborative work between onsite and visiting care providers
2. Developing and maintaining a list of potential surgical patients
3. Coordinating transportation for visiting surgical teams
4. Presenting patients during daily rounds and helping to create a patient plan of care
5. Assisting the fulfillment of patient care plans in collaboration with the clinical staff
6. Leading, and presenting patients during preoperative rounds
7. Maintaining patient surgical records, including writing notes and orders
8. Tracking updates and changes to each patient's care planning
9. Communicating all changes in patient care to onsite hospital staff
10. Attend clinic and be present in the operating room to:
 - a. Help evaluate patients for visiting surgical teams
 - b. Facilitate continuity of care of patients
 - c. Troubleshoot/respond to any concerns that may arise
 - d. Assist with patients and cases as needed
 - e. Assure smooth transition between cases

The communication demands of this sub-internship make a strong command of the Haitian-Creole or French a prerequisite for the position. Additionally, students should have completed a 3rd year rotation in surgery.