

Resident Update: Going Global

Residents Embrace Anesthesiology Global Health Elective

Early 2018, CA-3s Drs. Stephen Acosta and Aravind Reddy and Pediatric Anesthesia Fellow Dr. Barbara Nzegwu became the Department's first Anesthesiology Global Health Elective participants. All three received UNC School of Medicine Office of International Activities Global Health Travel Scholarships to support their travels (Acosta & Aravind: 4 weeks / Nzegwu: 2 weeks).

As a UNC-Project Malawi partnering School of Medicine unit, UNC Anesthesiology teaches and provides anesthesia care at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH) in Lilongwe, Malawi. Since she first joined a UNC-Project Malawi surgical team in 2014, Associate Professor Dr. Janey Phelps has overseen UNC Anesthesiology's partnership with KCH's anesthesia department. Through a simulation-based training program Phelps established in 2016, Department participants at KCH teach local Trainee Anesthesia Clinical Officers (TACOs) advanced skills in anesthesia care. On this latest trip, Drs. Phelps, Acosta, Reddy and Nzegwu also provided anesthesia care in KCH's OR.



1. CA-3 Dr. Aravind Reddy (5th from R), Dr. Barbara Nzegwu (far right) & CA-3 Dr. Stephen Acosta (far left) & TACOs at KCH
2. Drs. Phelps (L) & Acosta (R) administering pediatric mask induction for sacral tumor removal
3. Associate Professor Dr. Janey Phelps (L) & KCH Senior Anesthesia Medical Officer (R)
4. KCH Trainee Anesthesia Clinical Officer (TACO) (L) & CA-3 Dr. Stephen Acosta (R)