Connecting Across the Globe

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Disclosures

• None 😞
Outline

- Opportunities for Global Academic Work
- Rules of Engagement
- Fostering Sustainability
- Sustaining Your Career
What Kind of Program

- Disaster Relief/NGOs/Short term trips
- Global Program Development
- Advocacy (WHO, MOH, G4 Alliance, Local)
- Surgical Education
- Research

What Are Your Resources

- Identify your local resources
  - Institute of global health
  - Established global health pathways or programs
  - Mentors/Advocates
  - What relationships already exist?
- What funding is available?

External Factors to Consider

- Time Limitations
- Financial Limitations
- Family Obligations
- Risk Tolerance
Rules of Engagement

Guiding Principles
- Needs assessment
- Local counterparts set priorities
- Augment local infrastructure
- Collaborative/Equitable research
- Appropriate follow up
- Avoid paternalism

Fostering Sustainability
Sustainability

- Clearly defined objectives
- Foster relationships
- Equal exchange
- System capacity building
- Cost effective and accessible

Sustaining Your Career

Unique Challenges

- Little data
- Lack of perceived value
- Few extramural funding streams
- Complicated logistics
- Delayed gratification
Set Up for Success

- 3 pillars of promotion
- Leadership is essential
- Mentorship inherent
- International presentations
- Curriculum/Program development almost always needed
- Plenty of research opportunities across a lines of investigation

How to Achieve Success

- Developing alliances with those with similar interests
- Be realistic with timeframes
- Be your own advocate – leave a trail
- Think outside the box for funding

How to Achieve Success

- Align with the mission of your institution
  - Local relevance
How to Achieve Success

- Develop/Cultivate your support system
- Remember your passion

Thank you

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