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- None 🙄



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Outline

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

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Identifying Opportunities for Global Surgery Academic Work

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What Kind of Program

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



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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?



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External Factors to Consider

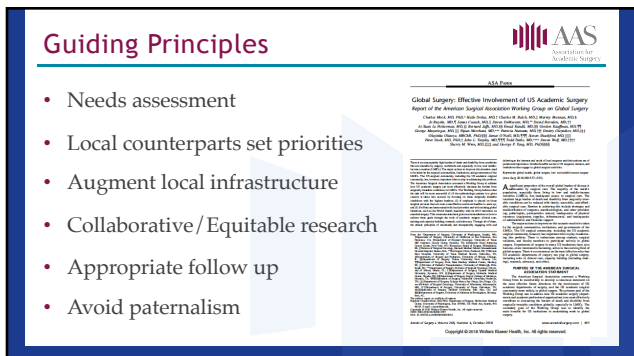
- Time Limitations
- Financial Limitations
- Family Obligations
- Risk Tolerance



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Sustainability

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

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Sustaining Your Career

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Unique Challenges

- Little data
- Lack of perceived value
- Few extramural funding streams
- Complicated logistics
- Delayed gratification

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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



Box 4.2. The Three Pillars of Academic Promotion

Research

- Ability to create new knowledge.
- Continued publication.
- Funding by external agencies.

Service

- Extensive participation in patient care.
- Recognition as a consultant.
- Provision of unusual/innovative types of care.
- Productivity.
- Clinical trials.


Education

- Teaching and scholarly activities.
- Recognition of excellence.
- Curious and study to increase expertise.
- Publications.

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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



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How to Achieve Success

- Align with the mission of your institution
– Local relevance




TABLE 3. Benefits of Academic Global Surgery Engagement for US Institutions, Faculty, and Trainees

In general and for faculty	<p>Provide platform for US trainees and faculty to realize their humanitarian passion.</p> <p>Expanded opportunities and new perspectives for research.</p> <p>Intellectual stimulation and academic enrichment which can boost clinical harvest.</p> <p>Adapting lessons learned in low-resource environment to high-resource environments: reverse innovation/creative engineering.</p> <p>Provide an alternative financial perspective on appropriate use of health care funds.</p> <p>Prompt innovative and alternative thinking.</p> <p>Develop trainees' humanitarian values and sense of service, altruism, and humility.</p> <p>Greater degree of supervised autonomy than in United States.</p> <p>Exposure to diagnosis and treatment of diseases not seen commonly in United States, including more advanced pathology and better understanding of natural history of diseases.</p> <p>Improved clinical judgment, including ability to put emphasis on physical examination and low-cost investigations.</p> <p>Learn how to work with limited resources and become more cost conscious.</p> <p>Seeing medicine practiced in a different format/system.</p> <p>Global surgical activities can be a useful recruiting tool, given the current high level of interest of students, residents, and young faculty.</p> <p>Institutional branding and global presence.</p>
For trainees (medical students and surgery residents)	
For departments and institutions	

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How to Achieve Success

- Develop / Cultivate your support system
- Remember your passion








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Thank you

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