



Volunteer Opportunity:
Online General Surgical Training presented to
Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital
Blantyre, Malawi

Like many organizations and institutions, Physicians for Peace (PFP) is evolving its volunteer recruitment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our ongoing Surgical Training Project in Blantyre, Malawi, in partnership with the University of Malawi College of Medicine (COM) and Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH) typically recruits volunteers to provide 3 months or more of in-person surgical education and training to interns, residents, and clinical officers at QECH, the largest hospital in Malawi. In consideration of safety concerns and widespread travel restrictions related to the global pandemic, all international travel was suspended in 2020 and set to resume October 2021 (see separate post on in-person position).

Description of opportunity: General Surgery Lecturer

This teaching opportunity enables the **General Surgery Lecturer** to “Zoom in” to regularly scheduled general surgery seminars on pre-determined topics to complement the local curriculum and engage with junior and senior faculty and trainees. This is a combination of teaching, discussion and mentoring in which the **General Surgery Lecturer** and trainees can share ideas and questions in real-time, located anywhere in the world. An understanding of the diagnostic and therapeutic modalities available on the Queen Elizabeth campus is a fundamental prerequisite to a meaningful presentation to this audience. Insights into the local culture and customs will make for even more relevant training and discussion. A pre-teaching orientation will be provided by Physicians for Peace staff.

The **General Surgery Lecturer** may also have the opportunity to propose additional surgery topics of interest to augment the training schedule. This will allow the **General Surgery Lecturer** to create a PowerPoint presentation and liaise with local faculty to co-present the topic on Zoom to surgery trainees.

Interested volunteers should send their CV and inquiry to Leslie Toledo at ltoledo@physiciansforpeace.org.