



Volunteer Opportunity
Burn Care Education Experts Providing training to
Burn Care Providers in Latin American and the Caribbean
Burn Care Webinar Series

Physicians for Peace (PFP) is seeking burn care experts on an ongoing basis, to volunteer as guest speakers to share their experience and expertise in the areas of initial burn care, acute and reconstructive surgery, nurse education, rehabilitative therapy, and psychosocial support, among others. Through our Burn Care Webinar Series, the guest speaker shares knowledge and provides support to a wide range of healthcare providers in Central and South America, to address the training needs of PFP partner hospitals and clinics. Currently, our monthly invitation is reaching more than 800 healthcare professionals in North, Central and South America.

As an added benefit, this initiative allows not only sharing of best practices, but also the development of regional networks and leadership – all of which have been shown to contribute to sustainability of our efforts and greater uptake of new practices. We encourage two-way learning and have witnessed the power of problem-solving and creativity in resource restricted environments to spark innovation and we are committed to advancing those ideas and practices.

Location: The guest speaker will participate in this virtual session via Zoom, with a presentation time of 45 minutes and 15 minutes allotted for questions and responses from webinar participants.

Dates: Webinars typically occur the last Wednesday of each month in late afternoon or evening. PFP coordinates with the guest speaker to schedule according to individual availability.

Focus Areas:

- **Burn Acute/ Reconstructive Surgery and Medical Care.** PFP trains local plastic surgeons and other physicians to respond to the acute medical and surgical needs of burn patients to increase their survival and quality of life. This surgical education usually happens through side-by-side teaching during direct patient care with surgeons working together on a variety of cases, however, we also provide lectures and online case studies to augment in-person training.
- **Burn Nurse Education.** PFP provides burn care nurse training, from basic bedside skills to advanced intensive burn care, to burn nurses in Central and South America. Training



initiatives contribute to the establishment of professional, administrative, and educational frameworks as needed at local hospitals and clinics.

- Burn Rehabilitation Education. PFP provides intensive training in the burn rehabilitation skills necessary for management of both hospitalized and outpatient burn survivors. We train and educate therapists in the use of burn compression garments, custom thermoplastic splints, serial casts, plastic facial masks, physical and occupational therapy, among others.
- Burn Psycho-social Education. PFP provides training for psychologists, social workers, and educators whose work with burn patients focuses on healing the social and emotional scars that are common in the aftermath of such trauma.

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If you are interested in this volunteer position, please return to “Volunteer Opportunities” page to fill out the interest form. Thanks!