

PNWU Pulse

November 10, 2011

PACIFIC NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FROM THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Upcoming...

November 11, 2011

Continuing Medical Education
When is Hospice Appropriate?
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
Auditorium
Yakima, Washington

November 11, 2011

University holiday, no classes



November 24 - 25, 2011

University holiday, no classes



PNWU Professor and Students Bring Healing and Hope to Haiti

“Organizing and participating in charitable care and medical missions provides physicians a unique avenue to give back to the international community using the skills and knowledge that are hard to come by in many regions of the world,” explains Dr. Jason Cundiff as he reflects on his surgical mission to Haiti along with third-year PNWU medical students Allison Jarstad and Daniel Smith.

Cundiff, Jarstad and Smith joined with others serving in Dessalines, a town in the Artibonite Department of Haiti. The 50-bed hospital in Dessalines is small by American standards but the assistance provided was huge to this community.

“In addition to the obvious humanitarian contribution, it provides medical students from PNWU the opportunity for exposure to international medicine and sharpens their clinical skills,” said Dr. Cundiff. Students receive increased hands-on training but are also provided with an opportunity to experience all the roles involved in the operating room, including the circulating nurse who prepares the patient for surgery and the scrub nurse who prepares and hands the doctor sterile instruments.

Chairman of PNWU’s Surgery Department and an assistant professor of surgery for the university, Dr. Cundiff maintains his own practice at Yakima Surgical Associates, PLLC. In response to the needs he witnessed during a trip to Haiti after the devastating earthquake, Dr. Cundiff founded Pacific Northwest Surgical Outreach, a foundation that allows for surgical teams to provide both world-wide emergency response services and continued surgical assistance to countries in need.

Allison Jarstad relates, “During my childhood, my dad traveled around the world on medical mission trips, including such exotic places as Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Egypt, Indonesia, the Philippines and even North Korea. Since my first trip, I have visited many foreign countries to assist in medical work, and have loved being a part of such an incredible effort. The difference that I saw my father make in the lives of so many people motivates me to continue this work as a surgeon someday.” Dr. Cundiff adds, “Ultimately, as the scope of Pacific Northwest Surgical Outreach broadens with missions to Central America and Africa, the continued involvement of medical students from PNWU will be a permanent fixture in the organization’s mission and purpose.”

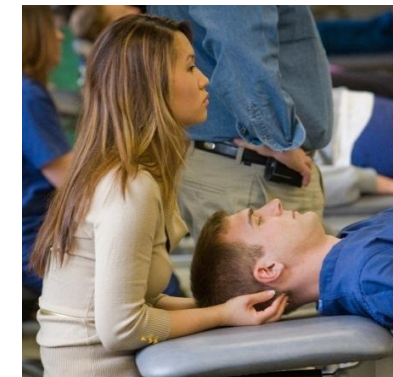


Michael Rommen and **Minh-Triet Vo** sharpen their skills during suture clinic while on third year rotation at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Washington. Students use dissected pigs feet for suture practice.

PRIMARY CARE WEEK

NOVEMBER 14 – 18, 2011

The Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians is hosting Primary Care Week on campus November 14 – 18, 2011.



Monday, November 14 – Provider Panel: Featuring a recent graduate from the Washington Rural Training Track program and a faculty member from the Central Washington Family Medicine Residency program. Also this day, coordinated through the Washington Department of Health, representatives from the National Health Service Corps and federal loan repayment programs will also be on campus.

Wednesday, November 16 – Medical School Loan Repayment: A Student Osteopathic Medical Association speaker will present about medical school loan repayment

Thursday, November 17 – Primary Care Physician Panel: The panel on Thursday includes Yakima Valley physicians who have combined specialties to fit their interests, such as OB/GYN and family medicine.

Friday Nov 18th – Primary Care Week Banquet: The banquet features National President, George T. Sawabini, DO, of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. Dr. Sawabini will present to students and guests on the “The Benefits of Choosing a Primary Care Specialty: How You Can Make a Difference.”

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