



CELEBRATING **5** YEARS

# **2018** ANNUAL REPORT



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## President's Message



It feels like just yesterday that a group of enthusiastic and eager volunteers met to discuss and decide about forming a new organization to help alleviate the surgical needs of the world. OPERATION MEDICAL was born in June of 2013. Our volunteers hit the ground running as most of us were experienced in this line of work for many years with other organizations.

Operation Medical has now reached a significant milestone of five years. In the short time we have been in existence, we have accomplished 11 successful surgical missions on three continents performing over 1,200 surgical procedures without any major complications and 1,400 other procedures. The other procedures included sonogram studies, emergency room procedures, breast cancer screenings, dental procedures and OB/GYN and surgery clinic cases.

Operation Medical has a very talented and deep pool of participants that includes surgeons, anesthesia personnel, and nurses, as well as ancillary help. Our participants work together resulting in successful and rewarding missions.

We are blessed to have dedicated volunteers in all areas of need from warehouse logistics to mission participants. The mission participants have come from near and far, thanks to favorable word of mouth and the website.

We also have a very supportive Board of Directors. Some of our non-medical Board members even participate in a mission or two to get a better understanding of the work that is done during the missions.

On behalf of Operation Medical, I sincerely thank all the volunteers for their time, talent, and resources in making our missions so successful. Almost all of our volunteers utilize their own vacation time and money to participate in the missions.

In this fiscal year, Operation Medical exceeded the generous support we received by over 43 percent! This support helped us provide financial assistance to residents and nurses so they could join our mission teams and purchase much needed supplies, medicine and equipment.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and donors. Because of your generosity, Operation Medical is able to continue to achieve our goals. A special mention needs to be made to the Hersha Group for providing us, since our inception, with office and warehouse space, mission logistical help and Board members.

While most of our work has been focused on definitive and curative surgeries, we have also started staffing a breast cancer clinic in Haiti. We hope to offer medical clinics in other locations as we gain experience with running our medical clinic in Haiti.

As always stated in our mission and vision statement, we have been educating the local health care workers with improving many aspects of medical and surgical care that is relevant to their own communities.

We sincerely hope Operation Medical continues to flourish and serve global communities in need of surgical and medical help for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mukul L. Parikh  
*President*

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# Operation Medical - Recognizing Five Years Of Mission Service

## HARD TO BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN FIVE YEARS ALREADY!

Thanks to you, our volunteers and supporters, we have touched the lives of almost 2,600 medically underserved people on three continents. We are celebrating our anniversary to underscore our commitment to our mission and goals and to show our appreciation to those individuals who have helped us make a difference for so many.

In 2019 Operation Medical plans to hold an event in the spring to thank our volunteers, recognize their accomplishments and help to raise funds to support future surgical camps. We are in the planning stages of developing the event and will be updating everyone as the plans materialize.



OPERATION MEDICAL FISCAL YEAR	HAITI	INDIA	MALAWI	NEPAL	TOTALS
<b>Surgical Procedures</b>					
2013 - 2014	39	216	0	0	255
2014 - 2015	40	114	59	0	213
2015 - 2016	55	225	0	0	280
2016 - 2017	0	211	0	0	211
2017 - 2018	48	169	0	29	246
<b>TOTAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,205</b>

<b>Sonogram Studies</b>					
2013 - 2014	70	0	0	0	70
2014 - 2015	55	0	0	0	55
2015 - 2016	100	0	0	0	100
<b>TOTAL SONOGRAM STUDIES</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225</b>

<b>Emergency Room Procedures</b>					
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>

<b>Breast Cancer Screenings</b>					
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Dental Procedures</b>					
2016 - 2017	0	90	0	0	90
2017 - 2018	0	100	0	0	100
<b>TOTAL DENTAL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>

<b>OB/GYN and Surgery Clinic Cases</b>					
2013 - 2014	200	0	0	0	200
2014 - 2015	200	0	0	0	200
2015 - 2016	100	0	0	0	100
2017 - 2018	250	0	0	0	250
<b>TOTAL OB/GNY CLINIC CASES</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>

<b>Total Patients Served</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,590</b>
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OUR VOLUNTEERS					
2013 - 2014	13	32	0	0	45
2014 - 2015	16	30	16	0	62
2015 - 2015	18	21	0	0	39
2016 - 2017	0	31	0	0	31
2017 - 2018	21	22	0	17	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>237</b>

After 13 hours of travel, the Operation Medical team of 18 arrived at Hospital Pierre Payen's (HPP) guesthouse. This was the seventh trip this group made to HPP since the earthquake of 2010. It was the fourth trip on behalf of Operation Medical.

## Haiti 2017 Hospital Pierre Payen

OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 4, 2017

### THE PLACE:

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world. It is about the size of Maryland and has a population of 11 million. Hospital Pierre Payen (HPP) is located in the city of Montrouis that is two hours northwest of the capital city of Port-au-Prince and 10 miles south of St. Marc. The main highway that passes through Haiti (two-lane asphalt) is between the regular medical clinic / guesthouse and the hospital.



**JESULET DELICE** is a 57-year-old man from St. Marc who came to HPP with several malignant melanoma skin lesions on his back, face, head and arm. His one ear also had very bad skin lesions. Dr. Reidell felt that the ear should be removed; however, because the procedure required reconstruction, Dr. Reidell felt a plastic surgeon should perform the procedure.

Jesulet is married and has a daughter and is the only albino in his family. He came with a folder that included photos of his family and shared those photos to everyone - he asked that we take a photo of him holding those photos. Jesulet previously sold goods in the market but now because of the sun he does not work in the market anymore.

He heard about Operation Medical being at HPP on the radio and felt that being treated by the doctors is "beautiful" and "God's will". He said he needed sun screen and couldn't afford any; however, ALL of the mission participants very eagerly donated their sun screen to this absolutely pleasant and extremely grateful man. He was so thankful that we helped him and gave him the sun screen.

### THE STORY:

Throughout the year a team of excellent Haitian physicians handles the medical needs of patients including deliveries at the medical clinic and in a small inpatient unit adjacent to the clinic. They do not have surgeons on full time staff and therefore rely on several visiting surgical teams from the United States. There are approximately five to six such surgical visits every year.

This was a wonderful team. Many were strangers when we boarded our flights but quickly bonded to become a very effective, compassionate, and mutually supporting medical team. This was the first time that we had doctors trained in internal medicine to manage our clinic. It represented a tremendous upgrade. A total of 250 patients were seen in the clinic and, of these, 48 underwent surgical procedures. Another first for our group was the addition of a urologist during the second week who did multiple surgical procedures for relief of urinary obstruction. Again, this was a valuable addition to the team. This year, we also had excellent surgical and anesthesia staffing. They were busy all day every day in the operating room. Having a new autoclave was a major help on this trip.

Among the surgical procedures, there were three done as emergencies. These included two incarcerated inguinal hernias in adult males and one middle-age male with a huge painful mass in his abdomen. The mass turned out to be a tumor of the spleen, which had grown attachments to many nearby organs.

Other new things noted at the hospital include a new 60 kw generator provided by donors from central Pennsylvania and a new Medical Director. On January 18, 2018, a new couple arrived to help with Hospital management. Dawn and Mike Vandervort from Hanover, Pennsylvania, are very well qualified since both are nurses and both have spent about 10 years together in Haiti. They are totally fluent in Creole and have a great understanding of Haiti as a country. This will make a huge difference with future teams coming to HPP.

*A special thank you to Mirjam Evers of Mirjam Evers Photography for volunteering a week of her time in Haiti and providing many outstanding photos of the surgical camp.*



**THE PEOPLE:**

**ANCILLARY**

Mary F. Jensik

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Mirjam Evers

**ANESTHESIA**

Dr. Lou Boxer  
Christi Catalano, CRNA  
Dr. Philip Eck  
Chip Goodhart, CRNA

**NURSES**

Linda Brindle, RN  
Charmaine Garner, RN  
Carolyn Holencik, RN  
Patty Reidell, RN  
Nancy Schaeffer, RN  
Dan Lynch, Surgical Technician

**PHARMACIST**

Jen Stoner, PharmD

**PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

Dr. Scott Barnes  
Dr. Morgan Callahan  
Dr. Joe Cincotta  
**Dr. John Judson, Team Leader**  
Dr. Butch Knight  
Dr. Kyle Packer  
Dr. John Reidell

**THE STATS:**

**SURGICAL CASE TYPES**

Anal Dilatation  
Breast Mass Biopsy  
Cystostomy  
Excision Breast Mass  
Excisions - Skin Lesion, Cyst, Mass  
Lipoma, Keloid  
Evacuation Bladder Clots  
Hernia Repair  
Hydrocele Repair  
Incision and Drainage Abscess  
Jaw Relocation  
Orchiectomy  
Sphincterotomy  
Splenectomy  
Thyroidectomy  
Wound Debridement

**SURGICAL CASES GENDER:**

Female-19; Male-29

**SURGICAL CASE AGES:**

4 years – 74 years



**WATSON AND NADIA**

**JOSEPH** are ministers and work with the Church of God at HPP. Watson helped our team with transportation and was always there when something was needed. Watson was born in Borel and lived in Port-au-Prince with his mother and father and 15 brothers and sisters. Watson's wife, Nadia was born in Port-au-Prince and is a pharmacy technician as well as a minister. Watson and Nadia met each

other in school. Nadia was somewhat preoccupied when we were in Haiti in 2017 because she was due "any day." Their son was born during the second week of the mission and everyone was thrilled to meet Emmanuel.

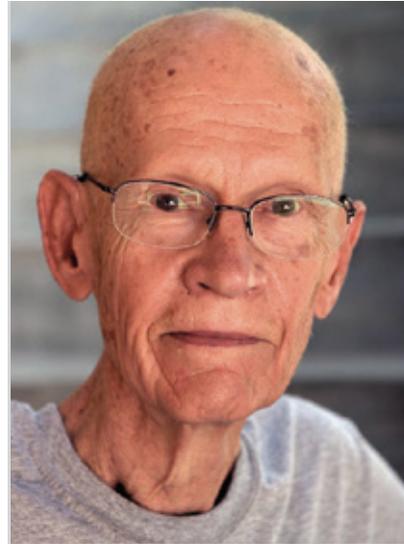
Watson said that "God sent them to HPP for a special job. It is a merciful job and a job that helps people. They love many people because they love God. Together we pray with the patients and their families."

# Haiti 2017 Hospital Pierre Payen

OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 4, 2017



**JOEL ANTOINE** is five-years old and was brought to HPP by his mother. The family lives in St. Marc and traveled two hours to HPP when she heard that Operation Medical was going to be at HPP. His mother came to Haiti five years ago from the United States to join her husband who is a native Haitian. Joel also was accompanied by his sister who he said was “an angel.” Joel’s father had recently left the family and Joel’s mother was desperately trying to get back to the United States. Dr. Packer and Dr. Callahan performed a hernia repair and Joel and his family left HPP later in the day to stay with friends in Montrouis. Joel’s mother was very grateful that her son was able to be treated by the Operation Medical team.



## DR. JOHN JUDSON

Operation Medical would like to give special recognition to Dr. John Judson and the tireless work that he has devoted to helping the people of Haiti.

During the years from 1968 to 2017, Dr. Judson has participated in over 80 surgical medical trips to Haiti and

was instrumental in establishing our relationship with the Hospital Pierre Payan and the Church of God facility that houses the surgical camp volunteers. During this time, he also made ten similar trips to Nicaragua. For two years, from June 1997 to July 1999, he was at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital serving as Medical Director and Chief of Surgery. Dr. Judson’s wife, Ann Marie served as Housing Director and Special Assistant to co-founder, Mdme Gwen Mellon.

In 2010 he started going to the Pierre Payan Hospital in Haiti with the Carlisle Presbytery and then in 2013 with Operation Medical.

The reason that he does these mission trips is that he goes home “Having given more than he got - he could never repay the debt.” “The trips have been truly gratifying experiences.”

In January 2017 Dr. Judson visited Port-a-Prince Pediatric Hospital with the Gift of Life working at the open heart hospital.

Dr. Judson will not be joining the 2018 team and will be greatly missed by everyone. He is a wise and trusted leader and role model that provides his guidance, motivation and emotional support.



## Tamoxifen Study in Haiti

In 2017, Operation Medical's Haiti team under the leadership of Dr. John Judson, was the first team to incorporate its own medical team with an established surgical team. This medical arm included Dr's Scott Barnes and Joseph Cincotta, as well as a dedicated nursing staff. Dr. Judson's foresight was correct; not only did the medical team assist in aiding the surgical team by allowing it to be more efficient, but also in delivering additional care to the Haitian community.

The medical team saw many advanced breast cancer cases among the Haitian women in this impoverished area, where there was no additional care available to them unless they traveled close to two hours to Port au Prince. Dr. Barnes, being a retired Medical Oncologist and Hematologist, started to think of some way to start a breast cancer education program, early detection and medical treatment for breast cancer in addition to surgery, at the Hospital of Pierre Payen. From this humble beginning, the *Tamoxifen Study in Haiti*, became a reality.

This project under the approval and oversight of Operation Medical, became a reality in Haiti on May 7, 2018. Our mission ...” is to decrease morbidity and mortality of breast cancer in rural Haiti by increasing awareness of this neoplasia and of the potential for successful treatment through education, a primary care system without economic or culture barriers and access to a functioning referral system for basic surgical and hormonal treatment”.

Patient educational pieces on early detection and self-breast examination are now available in their native Haitian Creole with pictures, since approximately 50 percent of the population has not had formal education. Special medical educational brochures have also been prepared for the Haitian physicians and nurses about early detection and methods to refer patients to the breast cancer clinic. This material, including the medical charts, are supplied in English as well as French, which is the official written language for medical reports. This was our first and major step in delivering breast cancer care to Haiti.

Secondly, we have made available a dedicated breast cancer clinic at Pierre Payen that we believe is only the third such clinic outside of Port au Prince (in a country of 11 million

people). So now in addition to surgery, we can offer these patients Tamoxifen, that is a hormone to fight cancer in about 80 percent of women with breast cancer. This is given as a pill that they take daily and is dispensed free of charge. They return monthly to see the breast cancer coordinator and are seen at least every three months by a physician. Careful records and data are maintained so we can follow progress and add to the data based on breast cancer care in Haiti.

This much involvement cannot just be done from a distance but requires that Operation

Operation Medical family of friends and supporters.

Although the Breast Cancer Clinic's beginnings are humble from our perspective, this is a major step forward for these Haitian women. They have so little but wish to show their gratitude in the form of a gift, much like the “old-time family physician” receiving gifts from their patients. The Haitians are a gracious people and their family members often return later in the day just to thank you for the care their loved one has received. This is no small feat in a country as hot as Haiti



*Our first breast cancer patient on the Tamoxifen Study in Haiti returns with a gift of melons from her garden for a follow-up visit with the Breast Cancer Coordinators.*

*Left to Right - Nadia Joseph, Breast Cancer Coordinator; our patient, 83 year old Modice; Ms. VanDervort, Breast Cancer Coordinator; Modice's daughter and two granddaughters.*

Medical volunteers travel to Haiti 4 to 5 times yearly; in addition to the professionals ‘on the ground’ in Haiti to deliver care daily. Drs. Scott Barnes and Joe Cincotta are the study's program directors, Jennifer Stoner, is our pharmacist and advisor, and Mary Jensik is our CPA: all these individuals are volunteers. In Haiti, we have two Breast Cancer Coordinators: Ms. Vandervort, RN and Ms. Joseph, a pharmacy technician and our Haitian physicians.

We hope to continue to reach our goal by obtaining a mammography unit for the Hospital of Pierre Payen for early detection and follow-up, as well as additional therapies for breast cancer in the future. We can only accomplish this with the help and aid of our

where many people have to walk to where they are going.

Since May 2018, we have continued to see patients at the Breast Cancer Clinic. Surgeons, family physicians and family continue to refer patients for therapy. The start has been slow but steady, due in part to a great fear of the patients to admit they even have breast cancer. Until Operation Medical started this program, women in Haiti had virtually no options open to them for treatment. All they knew is that when one of their female friends or family members was diagnosed with breast cancer - they died. One out of nine Haitian women will develop breast cancer; therefore, patient and physician education is our priority at the Breast Cancer Clinic.

Over the course of five days, the group was able to perform 169 surgical procedures and over 100 dental procedures.

## India 2018 District Hospital Panna

JANUARY 21 – 25, 2018

### THE PLACE:

District Hospital Panna is located in Panna, Madhya Pradesh, India. Madhya Pradesh, a large state in central India, retains landmarks from periods throughout Indian history. Begun in the 10th century, its Hindu and Jain temples at Khajuraho are renowned for their carvings, most prominently Kandariya Mahadeva, a temple with more than 800 sculptures. Traveling to Panna, one generally flies into Khajuraho where in the past year they have opened a beautiful modern airport. The often-hair-raising ride to Panna takes you through narrow and winding roads through the Kanha Tiger preserve, an Indian National Park. Arriving in Panna, one finds themselves in a rural setting of rolling meadows dotted with evergreen trees, rocks, hills and forests.

Legend says that Panna was once the resting place of Pandavas. Also it is the area where princes used to hunt. The diamond mines in Panna are the largest diamond producing mines in India and all diamond mines are managed under the Diamond Mining Project of National Mineral Development Corporation of the Government of India.



### THE STORY:

As is custom in this part of the world, the welcome and greetings afforded to the team were humbling. Upon arrival at Khajuraho airport, the team was met with leis made from beautiful marigolds. Once loaded up with all the gear, the procession to the hotel ensued. Upon arrival, the entire staff of the hotel as well as hospital officials greeted the group with more flowered leis, rose petals and many smiles and blessings.



Once hotel rooms were assigned, the team headed right to the hospital to get the lay of the land and start the process of unpacking and organizing supplies to be able to begin surgeries on Sunday morning. The items left in Valsad, India, had arrived at the hospital, but the baggage brought by participants had to be transported to Panna by truck and would not arrive until Sunday morning. It was a quick evening with a meal at the hotel and everyone turned in for a fast sleep!

The week sped by with mornings starting at 7:00am in the very chilly dawn of the day with an outdoor hot breakfast prepared by the hotel and then we were off to the hospital by 7:30 to start the day. The team worked together as if they had been doing this all their lives in this very place. No obstacle was too tall or wide and the teamwork was astounding.



**THE PEOPLE:**

**ANCILLARY**

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 George Grode  
 Krishna S. Iyer  
 KD Patel  
 Cheryl A. Peck  
 Aditi Sanghavi

**ANESTHESIA**

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 Sue Miller, CRNA  
**Dr. Mukul Parikh,  
 Team Leader**  
 Dr. Neelima Parikh  
 Dr. Theresa Northern  
 Brigitte Shelton, Cert. AT

**DENTIST**

Dr. Dineshkumar Bhavsar

**NURSES**

Ann Farber, ARNP  
 Bonnie Pepper, RN

**SURGEONS**

Dr. Adnan Alseidi  
 Dr. Kenneth R. Arthur  
 Dr. Clare French  
 Dr. Parul Krishnamurthy Iyer  
 Dr. D. Marc Northern  
 Dr. Bipinchandra Patel  
 Dr. Justin Rosenberger

**THE STATS:**

**SURGICAL CASE TYPES**

Anal Sphincterotomy  
 Appendectomy  
 Burn Scar Release  
 Cholecystectomy  
 Circumcision  
 C-Section – Primary  
 Cystocele Repair  
 Excision & Closure  
 of Meningomyelocele  
 Excision of Mass  
 Fistulotomy  
 Hemorrhoidectomy  
 Hernia Repair  
 Hydrocele Repair  
 Hysterectomy – Vaginal  
 Orchiectomy, Right  
 Ovarian Cystectomy  
 Parotidectomy  
 Reconstruction Right Ear,  
 Excision Left Preauricular Tag  
 Release Burn Contracture  
 Repair Earlobe  
 Revision Scar  
 Revision Syndactyly  
 Tonsillectomy

**SURGICAL CASES GENDER:**

Female-61; Male-108

**SURGICAL CASE AGES:**

7 months – 77 years



Volunteers continue to report that the gift of giving is returned many times over being blessed by the experience. The team used their skills to help patients, their families, co-volunteers and local hospital staff.

*Special Thanks to Havesh Bhagat, Dr. Dinesh Pandit and Dheeraj Teware for their support and sponsorship.*



On September 29, 2017, a team of 18 members consisting of doctors, nurses, and support staff embarked on its journey to Chitwan Hospital Medical College, nestled in the village of Bharatpur, Nepal.

## Nepal 2017 Chitwan Hospital Medical Center

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6, 2017

### THE PLACE:

Chitwan Hospital Medical College is located in Bharatpur, Nepal, a city in central-south Nepal. Bharatpur is a place where you can find hot weather, tropical forests and stunning natural scenery. There is an incredible variety of historical and religiously important sites that include Devghat, one of the most holy places for Hindus; Ganeshthan Temple, which is believed to have been constructed in the 15th century; Shashwat Dham, a venerated Hindu shrine solely dedicated to Lord Shiva - one of the three important deities within Hinduism; Chitwan National Park, which is filled with hundreds of species of flora and fauna; and the Tikauli Jungle.



**SHANTI MAYA TAMANG** is a 31 year old housewife with five small children. She was brought to Chitwan by her sister and was diagnosed with Cholelithiasis. She had a lot of pain from gall stones and it was difficult for her to take care of her children. Her surgical goal was her overall health will improve, she will have no more pain and would be able to get back to her daily duties. She was happy that she was able to be seen by the Operation Medical surgeons because she might not have been able to have the surgery otherwise.

### THE STORY:

After a 19-hour flight, the team arrived safely in Kathmandu. On September 30, 2017, the group embarked on its final journey to Bharatpur, Nepal. After arriving and getting settled in the hotel, the group made its way to the hospital to unpack the medical supplies, and prepare for the start of the mission. On October 1, 2017, the mission began with a meeting with the staff from the hospital.

The week flew by with the team gathering for breakfast about 7:00 am each morning and then swiftly going to the hospital to begin the day. At the beginning of each day at the hospital, a staff meeting was held to prepare for the day's cases. As always with each mission, the group worked together as a team to deliver the best medical services possible. A total of 29 surgical cases were performed during the four-day mission trip.

Educationally, on the morning of October 4, 2017, Dr. DeLone delivered a presentation to the students on trauma techniques used by doctors and nurses in the United States. Later that day, staff visited the Chitwan Medical College and talked with their staff to discuss how the college worked. The group also met some of the students and was given a tour of the facility.

*Operation Medical was fortunate to have professional photographer Syed Yaqueen join us during our surgical camp in Nepal. We give a special thanks to Syed for the photographs that he took during the mission.*



**DILLI BAYAMBU** is a 45 years old and resides in the district of Nawa Parashi. They arrived at the hospital by bus. She is a housewife and her family members are farmers. She takes the cattle to the field each day. She was diagnosed with uterine prolapse and in her condition had a difficult time getting the cattle to the field. She believed that the surgery would make it much easier to do her chores and take care of her family. Her son-in-law and daughter took care of her after the surgery.

**THE PEOPLE:**

**ANCILLARY**

Rise' Enoch  
 KD Patel  
 Pratima Patel  
 Cheryl A. Peck

**ANESTHESIA**

Sue Miller, CRNA  
**Dr. Mukul Parikh,**  
**Team Leader**  
 Dr. Neelima Parikh

**NURSES**

Carol Donahue, RN  
 Sophia Kit Ling Ho, RN

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Syed Yaqueen

**SURGEONS**

Dr. Kenneth R. Arthur  
 Dr. Mamata Bharucha  
 Dr. Bret DeLone  
 Dr. Uma Parekh  
 Dr. Bipinchandra Patel  
 Dr. Jeffrey Segil  
 Dr. Andrea Zaw

**THE STATS:**

**SURGICAL CASE TYPES**

Appendectomy  
 Cholecystectomy  
 Cleft Lip Repair  
 Closure of Wound - Left Knee  
 C-Section  
 Cystocele Repair  
 Debridement of Right Hand  
 Excision Left Foot Ulcer  
 Excision Mass  
 Fistulectomy  
 Hernia Repair  
 Hysterectomy  
 Penile Reconstruction  
 Scar Revision  
 Bilateral Sacrospinous Ligament  
 Suspension  
 Transoperterator Midurethral Sling

**SURGICAL CASES GENDER:**

Female-17; Male-12

**SURGICAL CASE AGES:**

13 years – 74 years



**DR. JANAM SHRESTHA** is a surgical resident and attended the Chitwan Medical College. Janam's day begins at 7:00 am doing rounds and surgical cases as well as assisting in the emergency room. He spends seven days a week at the hospital. Janam lives in a small village in Chitwan and was excited to work with the Operation Medical surgeons to learn new techniques and ideas.



## Upcoming Missions

### RWANDA 2018

Operation Medical will conduct its first mission in the capital city of Kigali, Rwanda this fall. The camp will take place at the Rwanda Military Hospital September 23 - 28, 2018. Thirty-three volunteers including surgeons, anesthesia providers, physicians, nurses, and ancillary individuals have volunteered to participate in the camp.

### HAITI 2018

Operation Medical is sending a 25-member surgical/medical team to Pierre Payen October 13 - 27, 2018 for a two-week medical/surgical mission. Pierre Payen is located on the northern coast of the island, approximately a 1 1/2 hour drive from the capital of Port-au-Prince. The team consists of volunteers with expertise in general surgery, obstetrics-gynecology and urology. The medical team will be assisting and supporting the surgical staff as well as offering medical care for hundreds of people in the hospital clinic. This is Operation Medical's fifth mission in Haiti to provide surgical and medical care for the people in this impoverished area.

### INDIA 2019

Operation Medical is pleased to announce a return visit to Kasturba hospital in Valsad India January 20 - 25, 2019. This will be Operation Medical's third mission to Kasturba Hospital in Valsad which is in the Western Indian state of Gujarat.

Kasturba Hospital is the largest hospital in Valsad and does not receive help of any kind, nor financial aid from the government, surviving solely on donations. Much like Operation Medical, the Kasturba Hospital is committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to their community.



## Other Operation Medical Activities

### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kimberly joined Operation Medical in 2017 to serve as our Executive Director. She received her Bachelor's degree from George Mason University and has over 14 years experience in the non-profit sector. She previously worked for a non-profit oral health association in Washington, D.C. for nine years as the manager of Membership Services.



Kimberly Whitehurst

She resigned from that position to raise her twins while serving as a Consultant with the organization for an additional five years. She and her family moved to the Harrisburg area after her husband retired from the United States Marine Corps. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends as well as traveling.

### OFFICER AND BOARD ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Re-elected as Class A Directors for Operation Medical for the term from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020 were Dr. Ken Arthur; Rise' Enoch; Mary F. Jensik, CPA; Meera Modi, Esquire and KD Patel.

Elected as officers were Dr. Mukul Parikh, President; Dr. J. Bret DeLone, President-Elect; Mary F. Jensik, CPA, Vice President; and Jewel Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer

In addition, Dr. John Judson and Cheryl A. Peck have been elected to the Advisory Board. Both Dr. Judson and Cheryl Peck have served on the Board of Directors.

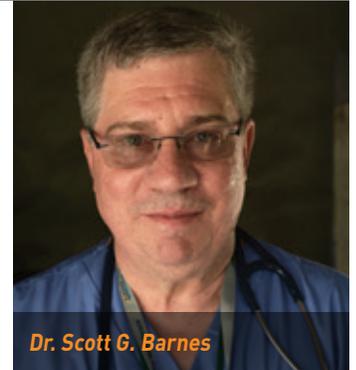
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### CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS

In 2019 Operation Medical plans to hold an event in the spring to thank our volunteers, recognize their accomplishments and help to raise funds to support future surgical camps. We are in the planning stages of developing the event and will be updating everyone as the plans materialize.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

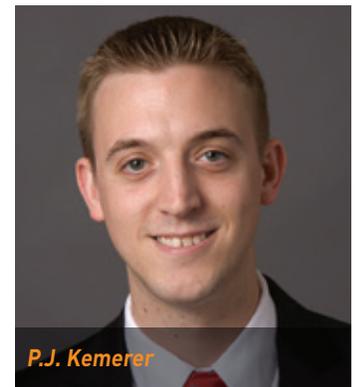
Dr. Scott G. Barnes graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1976. He did his internship and residency in Internal Medicine in the Harrisburg health system, followed by a fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology plus research, at the Pennsylvania State University Medical School and hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



Dr. Scott G. Barnes

Dr. Barnes started practicing Hematology/Medical Oncology in Harrisburg in 1984 until his retirement in 2012. He has been active in several local and national medical societies, community-based and faith-based projects. He has published eight medical articles concerning research in nationally recognized journals as well as publishing eight research-based abstracts for the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Barnes has also presented research abstracts at these same national meetings. He continues to live in the Harrisburg area.

P.J. is a senior relationship manager of M&T Bank working on the commercial real estate team in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is responsible for managing a large commercial loan portfolio, sourcing and on boarding new customers, and serving as M&T's primary point of contact for the comprehensive banking needs of local real estate developers. P.J. also serves as co-chair of the Gen PA Resource Group, part of M&T's diversity initiative. Prior to his current position, P.J. was a music teacher in a small school district in upstate New York. He lives in Mechanicsburg with his wife and their two daughters.



P.J. Kemerer

P.J. has a BM in Music Education, Mansfield University of PA, MM in Music Education, Ithaca College and MBA from Cornell University's Johnson School of Business. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for Operation Medical, P.J. is on the Board of Directors of Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and Steering Committee Co-Chair, Bridges Society of the United Way of the Capital Region. He was in Class of 2016, Leadership Harrisburg Area Community Leadership Series and is the Music Director of Liberty Church in Harrisburg, PA.

## 2017-2018 Financials

Operation Medical practices good stewardship with all funds entrusted to our mission and using these funds wisely allows us to serve more patients around the world. Operation Medical is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by people who believe in our work. Support comes in the form of contributions from individuals (cash and donated time), corporations (cash, donated assets and services), and foundations.

Operation Medical classifies expenses in three primary categories: program expense, fundraising and supportive services (management/general expense) and in our fiscal year 2017-18 we spent a total of \$472,867.

Program expenses in fiscal year 2017-18 of \$443,862 represents 94 percent of total expenses. These funds helped to provide financial assistance to nurses and residents and purchase medicine and medical supplies and portable equipment for our surgical camps. Program expense also includes the valuation of the contributed professional services that are provided by the doctors and nurses that join our teams and the donated office and warehouse space donated by the Hersha Group.

Operation Medical also receives a significant amount of skilled, contributed time which is not recorded in our financial statements.

Approximately 975 hours of time were provided by volunteers supporting program services during the year. The duties of these volunteers vary from warehouse workers to mission support and is valued at \$23,938 based on the Independent Sector's State value of volunteer hours.

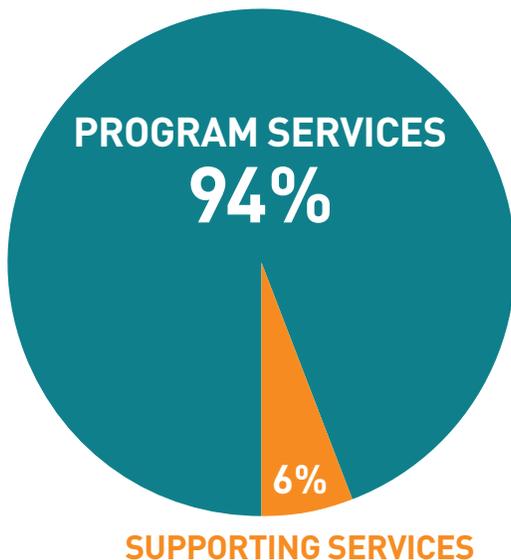
Program expenses also include medical supplies and medicines that it has received at no cost from Americare and Global Links, which was valued at \$8,894.

For the fiscal year 2017-18 Operation Medical incurred no fundraising expenses.

Operation Medical is extremely grateful for the support it receives from individuals, corporations and foundations. Their generosity allows Operation Medical to achieve our goals.

As a charitable organization exempt from taxes, we are required to file Internal Revenue Service Form 990 with the federal government. Operation Medical receives a review report from its independent accountants.

The official registration and financial information of Operation Medical may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSET** (Unaudited)  
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

**REVENUES AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions	\$143,287
In-kind contributed services	373,727
In-kind contributed warehouse and office space	8,481
In-Kind contributed medical supplies/medicines	10,296
Interest income	92
<b>Total Revenues and In-Kind Contributions</b>	<b><u>\$535,883</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

Surgical trips	\$430,468
Warehouse	3,933
Financial assistance	9,567
Medical supplies	8,894
<b>Total program services</b>	<b><u>\$454,158</u></b>

**SUPPORTING SERVICES**

Office space	4,548
Executive Director	13,372
Insurance	1,967
Accounting services/Legal fees	1,600
Meetings/marketing	30
Website	3,100
Printing, postage, supplies, fees	4,388
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b><u>29,005</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$483,163</u></b>

**NET ASSETS**

Net Assets at beginning of year	200,367
Increase in Net Assets	52,720
<b>Net Assets at end of year</b>	<b><u>\$253,087</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** (Unaudited)

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$252,230
Prepaid expenses	857
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$253,087</u></b>

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted	\$ 28,087
Unrestricted board designated financial assistance	225,000

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$253,087</u></b>
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Simply put, if it wasn't for faithful supporters like you, Operation Medical wouldn't exist. Thank you for providing the funds we need to make a difference in the lives of people in communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.

## 2017-2018 Our Supporters

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# About Us

## OUR MISSION:

Operation Medical is an organization of volunteers made up of trained medical professionals and other individuals committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.

## HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?

Our emphasis is on the medical needs of the community, with the safety of our patients and our volunteers our #1 priority. Our safety and quality protocols ensure our patients receive the best care possible. All trips are carefully coordinated with local hosts and their medical community in order to optimize the success of our visit and make certain our volunteers have a positive experience. We audit results and provide training for all of our partners.

## WHY WE GO

At Operation Medical, we carry our skills across borders to bring about true change and train local doctors to ensure sustainable quality care. During our trips, we strive to provide medical and surgical care to our patients that would provide them with a better life than they would have otherwise had without the care.

## WHERE WE GO

Operation Medical does not have boundaries to the types of medical services we are willing to provide or places we will travel. Our team of doctors, nurses and other volunteers donate all services to patients at no charge. To ensure all donated money is used most efficiently to help people in need, most of the volunteers pay their own airfares to our mission sites. Operation Medical does like to provide scholarships to nurses attending missions.

## OPERATION MEDICAL - BOARD MEMBERS

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# How You Can Help Us

## HOW TO DONATE

Conducting medical trips is expensive. Funds are needed to purchase, store and transport medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals.

### DONATIONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Operation Medical gratefully accepts donations of medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals from hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices, medical suppliers and pharmaceutical companies. If you or your company would like to donate any of these items, please call 717-685-9199 or email [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) for further information.

### DONATE ONLINE

[operationmedical.org/donate](http://operationmedical.org/donate)

### DONATE BY PHONE

To donate by phone, please call **717-685-9199**.

### DONATE BY MAIL

Download a printable form at [operationmedical.org/donate](http://operationmedical.org/donate)

Mail your form to:  
Operation Medical  
44 Hersha Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Checks should be made payable to Operation Medical.

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## VOLUNTEER

There are opportunities for volunteers to participate in a variety of ways, from serving on a committee to participating in a mission trip. We invite you to contact us at [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) to find out more.

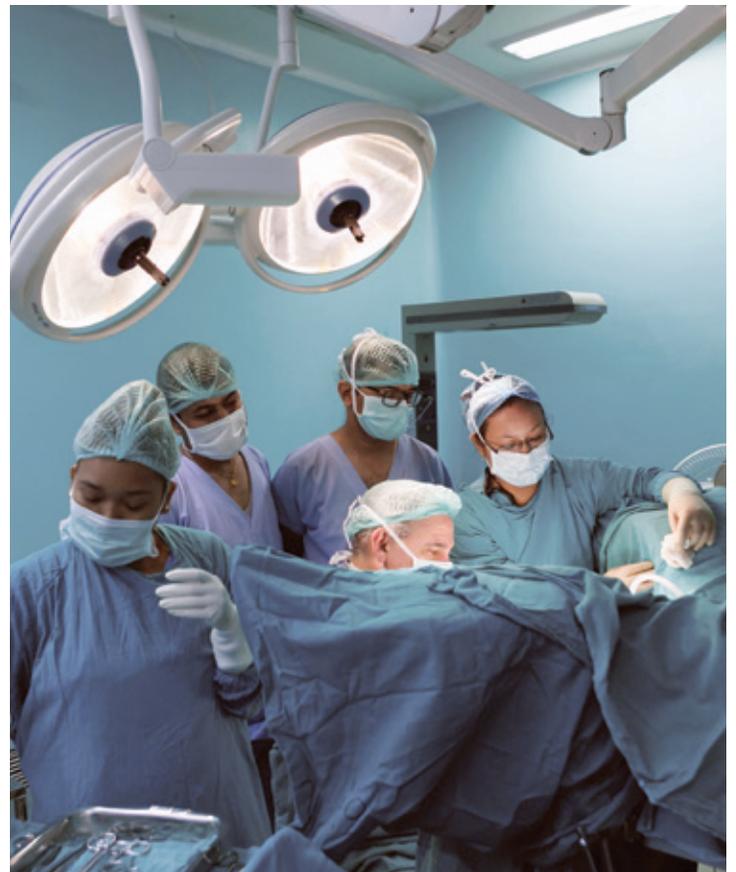
## JOIN A MISSION TRIP

Operation Medical always needs doctors, nurses, technicians and volunteers to make each mission trip a success. If you are interested in being part of a medical trip or have questions regarding this volunteer opportunity, please call **717-685-9199** or email [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org).

## LEARN MORE

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