



OPERATION MEDICAL NEWSLETTER

Providing Global Healthcare

TURNING OVER THE REINS

We are excited to introduce and welcome Lindsay Hoke, Operation Medical's new Administrative Coordinator! Lindsay joined Op Med this summer and successfully picked up the operational reins soon after her arrival.

She brings over 20 years of experience in administration, sales, human relations, customer service, communication, and team leadership. She has worked previously in the service and healthcare industries where she served in administrative roles, as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and now as a Certified Health Coach. Her passion for individualized, quality healthcare for others makes her a great fit for her position with Operation Medical.

Lindsay's mentor was Operation Medical's previous Executive Director and Founding Board Member, Cheryl Arthur. Since Cheryl has been involved with our organization for many years, she was able to help advise Lindsay on the key duties of being the Admin Coordinator.

"Right off the bat, Lindsay picked up that communication and details are key," Cheryl shared.

"One of the key duties is assisting the volunteers in preparing for the mission trips. You need to manage many important details such as passport deadlines, international protocols, and knowing what the team needs to make it a successful trip. In the Coordinator role, you need to be an information keeper and help with assisting the volunteers. I advised that reading previous trip reports will help with being proactive and keeping track of the details and deadlines."

While helping the volunteers prepare for the missions, many other important duties must be managed. Cheryl explains how "finding the right blend of medical professionals is imperative. Depending on the location and what types of surgeries are planned, Op Med needs to ensure our volunteers have the precise credentials. This includes OB/GYNs, anesthesiologists, plastic surgeons, and making sure the needed number of nurses and medical personnel are available to assist for surgeries and procedures."

Lindsay will also be assisting with the fundraising efforts that are necessary to keep the missions in motion. Many of our volunteers graciously handle many of their own expenses, but Operation Medical also needs support for numerous trip expenses.

Cheryl explains..."We have absolutely selected the best candidate for this position and I'm excited for Lindsay. These missions are life-changing – not only for the patients but for those who travel to help. I've made so many friends on the other side of the world. The hugs, the tears, and the smiles - it's gratifying that you can help people, and seeing their smiles and friendly faces is worth all of the hard work."

We thank Cheryl for her tremendous help in training Lindsay. Operation Medical has an exciting 2024 ahead of us!



LINDSAY HOKE
OPERATION MEDICAL'S NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

EXCITED TO RETURN TO INDIA-JANUARY 2024

Our mission team is excited to be returning to Dharampur, India on January 27th, 2024. Though we have served other locations in Dharampur in the past, we are looking forward to visiting Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital for the first time. Operation Medical's Dr. Mukul Parikh notes that "we visited the hospital in February 2022 and found it to be a very well-equipped and high-quality hospital catering to the tribal population at no cost. "We are excited to have a surgery camp at SRM Hospital for the first time to contribute our expertise and services to the good work they are already doing."

Our Medical-Surgical team that is preparing for this mission includes specialized surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and additional clinical staff, as well as support personnel to provide supplies and administrative support during the mission. This team of professionals will be working under the guidance of Dr. Mukul Parikh, who has served as Team Leader on more than 10 Operation Medical missions since 2013.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OPERATION MEDICAL

The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to express how grateful we are for our volunteers, sponsors, and those who support our mission. It's because of the dedication of our supporters that we can provide the very best in healthcare to those around the world who don't readily have access to plentiful medicine and medical professionals.

As we look towards 2024, we thank each of you for standing by – ready to help as we prepare for our new missions. May your holiday season be one of celebrations and joy, and may the year to come be filled with health, peace, and new blessings.

Sincerely,
The Team at Operation Medical



ABOUT US:

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.

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.



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