




# Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

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- Overview of two contrasting programs at regional medical schools
  - Overview of  
Global Health Education Consortium
  - Best practices sharing



# Global Health Programs at the University of Miami, School of Medicine

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# The Jay Weiss Center for social medicine and health equity

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- The Center was created in 2005, to join forces with the social medicine and health equity movements that are gaining momentum across the globe.
- Programs supported: A residency Global Health and Social Medicine in Jackson Memorial Hospital, an undergraduate medical school Pathway in social medicine and global health , Social medicine Grand Rounds , a resource center.
- Funding is private, with seed money provided by the Jay Weiss Foundation.
- Works under the academic umbrella of UM, but raises funds separately and is overseen by a large Board of prominent community members.



# The Social Medicine Pathway

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- Started in March 2007.
- Spans the four years of medical school
- Includes didactic sessions, small group discussions, community advocacy programs, and rotations in community agencies, a research project under the direction of a faculty mentor, and an international experience in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- Other activities; Self directed learning,
- Films and videos followed by discussions.



# The Jay Weiss Center

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The Pathway's goals and objectives:

- To gain an understanding of health inequities and barriers to access to care.
- To understand the social determinants of health
- To prepare medical students for work in underserved communities and in resource poor environments, both at home and abroad.
- To provide medical students research opportunities in social and global medicine.

# Global medicine rotations

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- The Medishare Experience: A service education program funded in 1994, by Dr Arthur Fournier and Barth Green from UM , but a legally distinct organization.
- A group of health professionals mostly from UM as well as invited faculty and students from other schools.
- Focus: Haiti, 2 to 3 trips to Thomonde Haiti a year, one to two surgical trips (repair of hydrocephalus, cleft palates) in various locations.
- Has now established a permanent site in Thomonde, Haiti with a health center, community health workers , a small hospital in collaboration with Dr Paul Farmer's group Zammi La Sante. Projects under way: a manufacturing plant for Akamil, a welcome center and a nutrition center.

# Other global health programs

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- The residency in Social Medicine , launched in 2006, is now developing rotations in Peru, Georgia, and Malawi in addition to the Haiti sites. Eventually , students will pair with residents at these locations.
- The Global institute was also created last year to put under the same umbrella all of UM international programs taking place in different Schools ( Medicine, Nursing, Engineering, Agriculture)
- The global institute is now partnering with the Haitian government in the Creation of the first Millenium village in Marmont, Haiti.



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# Multidimensional approach

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- On campus one credit electives
  - Global Health Issues-
    - Domestic Communities
  - Global Health Issues-
    - International Communities
  - Introduction to the US Healthcare System



# Multidimensional approach

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- Off campus electives
  - Open to wider range of sites for past 30+ years
  - International and domestic sites
  - 4- 12 week
  - Highly individualized
    - clinical involvement, community/public health focus, medical second language proficiency, healthcare system focus
    - international academic exchanges, research



# Multidimensional approach

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- Off campus electives
  - Academic exchanges
    - Oversight of incoming and outgoing students
- New department/specialty focused initiatives



# Multidimensional approach

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- Short term medical missions
- Weekly speakers series
- Global Health Week
- Spring break service trips
- Global health conference on campus every 18 months
- Local service initiatives



# Multidimensional approach

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- Combined degree programs
- Occasional student doing extended global health work



# Challenges

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- Scheduling and demands
- Funding
- Insurance
  - Malpractice
  - Travel/health
- Liability



# Challenges

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- Residency program demands
- Student demands
- Grading and evaluation
- Emergency issues



# Global Health Education Consortium

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