The Program
The Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC) Global Health Program was founded in 2014 and is available to all KPSC residents and fellows. The program strives to enhance the awareness of medical issues and needs throughout the world, especially among underserved populations, and to facilitate the direct involvement of Kaiser Permanente resident physicians in addressing those concerns. The program allows resident physicians to gain a perspective on the special challenges of providing good medical care across cultural boundaries, both at home and abroad. The aim is to bring an increased familiarity and appreciation of the human condition around the world to the Kaiser Permanente community and its future physicians.

Past medical missions have included Thailand, Kenya, Jamaica, and Mexico. The goal of the program is to provide our residents and fellows health care experiences outside the United States where they will work with either American or host faculty mentors in the clinic or hospital setting to gain experience in practicing medicine in remote and underserved communities.

Curriculum
The program will incorporate the following Global Health Core Competencies into its electives:

- Patient Care
- Medical Knowledge
- Practice Based Learning
- Professionalism
- System Based Learning
- Interpersonal Skills and Communication

Affiliate Programs and Electives
The Kaiser Permanente Global Health Program has developed potential site opportunities for medical electives abroad in association with the Tiba Foundation and Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC). Another option allows residents and fellows to participate in medical missions offered by our partnered programs; Integrative Clinics International (ICI); Starfish Group Asia; or Flying Samaritans. Residents and fellows may also choose to design their global health experience provided the elective meets the program’s curriculum and is approved by their Program Director.

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- How to apply
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