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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Our students are a reflection of our academic excellence, values, hard work and enthusiasm of our SMUFOM team. Our 100% USMLE passing rates, with invaluable education provided by on campus and visiting faculty from over 10 countries and being the only school in the area with active research and strong academics are a few of the many distinguishing reasons in making SMUFOM a highly esteemed and prestigious university. Our mission is education and there is no better education than one that is truly international bringing the best in the students and faculty. We are committed in developing the intellectual capacity, creativity, conceptual understanding and professionalism of our students – immersing them in the rich diversity of human experience and aspirations, thereby preparing them to shape the future of our world and being not just a good clinicians, but also a better human being.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma, PhD
President SMUFOM

FACTS ABOUT CURAÇAO

- Located in the southwestern Caribbean
- 35 miles north of Venezuela
- Largest of the three ABC islands
- Population of 142,180 as of 2011
- Willemstad is the capital city
- Subtropical climate
- Located outside the hurricane belt
- Netherlands Antillean Guilder is the currency
- Dutch is the official language
- Papiamentu is spoken by most Curaçaoans
- 85% of the population is Catholic
- Atlantic Standard Time (-1 US EST)
- Hato International Airport is the main hub
- Dutch Caribbean Architecture
- Beaches, Snorkeling, Diving
- Carnival ! Dancing and Music

EDITOR'S NOTE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all readers, contributors, and co-editors to the first publication of the Annual Magazine here at St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine. The Spring 2012 semester is gradually coming to an end, and this magazine is an opportunity to capture the exciting events and extracurricular activities which our students have been involved in throughout the year. In this edition you will find an account of events spanning from the new incoming students White Coat Ceremony to sailing the Spanish Waters in the Curaçao Regatta – our students have done it all! At SMU we pride ourselves on academic excellence and have continued to grow steadily since opening our doors in early 2011. On behalf of SMU, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate our recent basic science graduates who have successfully passed the USMLE to move onto clinical rotations, as well as our students entering their respective residency programs. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. P. Sandhu who is the faculty supervisor and co-editor for this project. If you have any suggestions, comments, or contributions for upcoming editions, please feel free to contact the Magazine Committee.

Yureve Govind
Chief Editor
SMU Magazine Committee

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TOP REASONS TO ATTEND SMU...

- ✓ Two-semester per year program (20 weeks each)
- ✓ Remediation program every interim
- ✓ Hands-on clinical experience
- ✓ Low student-faculty ratio
- ✓ Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- ✓ 100% USMLE Step 1 pass rate*
- ✓ In-house Board Review Program
- ✓ Yearly tuition 20% less than comparable programs



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CEREMONY

By Antoinette Allison

The white coat ceremony is a rite of passage as students embark on the journey of their medical education. It is a special moment that every incoming student looks forward to. The white coat ceremony is held a few weeks after the start of the semester every term. This ceremony marks the student's transition into medical school. The formal "robing" of the white coat is a sacred moment. In this moment, students dedicated themselves to the life of medicine and take the student medical oath. Students promise to uphold the medical ethics and pledge their utmost effort to acquire all the knowledge and skills in order to become a successful doctor.

The Class of 2015 Initiation White Coat Ceremony was held on January 20, 2012 at 6:00pm. The program of events took place at the Hyatt Hotel in Curaçao. Our guests enjoyed delicious appetizers and drinks as guests met and greeted before the start of the program. The master and mistress of ceremony were Priyanjay Sharma and Samantha Wolfe, second semester students. Because Curaçao graciously allowed our school the opportunity to study on such a beautiful island, the school pays homage to the island by singing the Curaçao National Anthem at every white coat ceremony. The keynote speaker was Minister El Hakim of Economic Affairs of Curaçao. The minister gave words of encouragement, advise, and extended his wisdom as the students embark on the journey of their medical career. Dr. S. Keli, a professor and one the school's deans, explained the importance of the medical student oath before reciting the medical student oath with the students as well as explaining the importance of maintaining medical ethics. After presentation of awards where given, Mr. Jeff Bowman, Director of Admissions, made closing remarks. The students really enjoyed the ceremony and it will be a memory that will last forever. Every year at the white coat ceremony, presentations of awards are given. The R.K. Sharma Award of Excellence is an award that older semester students look forward to being presented. This award is presented to one



student who also receives a full scholarship for the semester for highest grade point average in the school. This award is given to show appreciation for the student's efforts, hard work, and dedication to academics. Mr. Yureve Govind received this semester's R.K. Sharma Award of Excellence. Also presented is the award for the Big Brother Big Sister Mentorship Program. This award is awarded to the big brother or big sister who is voted by new incoming students for the welcome and aid the provided as new students transition into medical school. The Big Brother Big Sister Mentorship Award was awarded to Miss Antoinette Allison. These awards inspire other students to work hard academically and also help others feel welcome so they will have a chance to receive awards at next semester's ceremony.



CLINICAL EXPOSURE

By Joyce Do

If I were to use three words to sum up my first clinical experience, it would be nervousness and excitement, with relief. It was my first time visiting the clinic, so I was filled with nervousness and excitement in anticipation of the experience. I did not know what to expect and it was finally time to apply my knowledge. I can recall myself reviewing and revising my notes of the basic physical examination procedures in order to be better prepared in front of the patient. Despite all the reviewing and revising, I was so nervous that all the preparation flew out the window. On the bright side of things, as the examination proceeded I felt more and more comfortable. By the time the examination ended, I felt a great sense of relief because I knew that things went well. It was definitely an eye-opening experience because I saw how what was taught in the classroom actually applied in a real



HANDS-ON TRAINING!

AWARENESS SEMINAR

By Matthew Taylor

In the Fall of 2011, myself and a group of medical students from St. Martinus University conducted an HIV/AIDS awareness seminar at a local nursing school here on the island of Curaçao. This seminar is part of St. Martinus University's ongoing campaign to reach out to the local community in various health related topics. The HIV/AIDS awareness seminar turned out to be a great success and the local community was very happy to have us come to speak about this ongoing tragic disease.

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a retrovirus that affects cells of the immune system by impairing their function. The person will become more and more susceptible to infections as the infection progresses. At the infection's most advanced stage, it is referred to as Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It can take up to 10-15 years after initial infection for a person to be diagnosed with AIDS. Now with the help of modern medicine, the use of antiretroviral drugs can significantly slow down this process and allows most individuals infected with the virus to live a somewhat normal lifestyle.

HIV can be transmitted through unprotected sexual intercourse, transfusion through contaminated blood, and with the sharing of contaminated needles. Transmission can also occur between a mother and an infant during pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding. There is still no cure for HIV infection. According to the World Health Organization, there are approximately 34 million people living with HIV in 2010.

As preventative medicine grows more and more popular throughout the world, an understanding of the disease is the first step in preventing illness. One of the most effective ways to prevent transmission of this terrible disease is through knowledge of what the disease is and how it can be transmitted. Through health seminars like this, St. Martinus University students continue to make a positive impact on the beautiful island of Curaçao!





MEDICAL EDUCATION

By Anthony Agee

As medical students we tend to think that logging in countless hours and mastering concepts will be enough to suffice for the majority of illnesses and diseases that we will come across in our scope of practice. But low and behold our little minds will once be thwarted with the continued necessity of learning new material and keeping up with advances in medicine well beyond the basic sciences of medical school. As future physicians, we will need to be aware of the ever constant change in medicine when it comes to providing services to our patients, the public and the profession as a whole. The American Medical Association has deemed this topic continuing medical education or (CME) for short. Many medical schools have adopted this ideology which is why we see it as early as basic medical sciences in our medical career. For some, this is one of the basic criteria that deem a medical school valid and up to date in modern terms. At St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine, CME has been an integral part of our learning and has been incorporated in our curriculum since this semester. Sure, we cringe at another schedule change or an increased work load in our already jam packed days of lecture but St. Martinus University has gotten good at being able to squeeze another hour here or there in order to maximize our learning experience. We have had a total of four CME lectures since the beginning of our spring 2012 semester.

On February 23rd 2012, St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine hosted Dr. Ackerman who has been a general surgeon for approximately 30 years. Dr. Ackerman

and the excitement of administering and getting readsficiency program of one's choice. The sheer word of residency seems so far off for us but many of us enjoyed the reality of its coming and clearing up many common misnomers in regards to dealing with the process.

On March 6th 2012, St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine hosted yet another practicing physician from Europe, Dr. Peter Veget. Dr. Veget is a renowned urologist and a fellow of the European board of urology. In addition, he is a member of the Dutch Urological Society under which is currently practicing at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Leiderdorp, Netherlands. Dr. Veget gave a presentation involving the general practices of urology and regulations pertaining within the European Community. Adding humor with a touch of passion behind what he did for a living, Dr. Veget's presentation was met with much enthusiasm and relevance in regards to the many new techniques that he had presented. Within the same month on March 20th, we had another guest lecturer who was the brother of the previous lecturer. Dr. Paul Vegt is a world-renowned general and trauma surgeon who is currently the head of the trauma division at Albert Schweitzer. He has been with Albert Schweitzer for the last twenty years in addition with numerous other medical groups worldwide. Dr. Vegt spoke about the past, present, and the future of bone fracture surgery. The lecture was a real eye opener into how far we have come with technology in order to help reduce morbidity rates with these types of procedures. Dr. Vegt also brought in various instruments to show us. It was truly interesting and quite inspiring in

On April 12th 2012 we had a guest lecturer who was a parent of one of our own students at St. Martinus University



Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Tan Paap is a Psychiatrist who came to talk to us about the correlation between Lyme disease and autism in a very young patient that she has been treating. Dr. Tan Paap emphasized on how as future physicians, we need to be able to listen to our patient's families as well and not be so quick to disregard their opinions. She made it very clear that a disease that the parents believed the child had acquired remained undiagnosed and could have been the underlying cause of the autism. It was a real eye opener into how the public views physicians and even the littlest of mistakes are scrutinized and given very little tolerance.

Our experience with CME's at St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine has been a new one that has started recently but has become a solid part of our educational experience. I must say personally that the school has been headed in the right direction as far as enriching our experience in the basic sciences. We are exposed early to different specialties within the field and can learn to appreciate the need to embrace becoming lifelong learners so that we will be able to keep up and give back to the demanding field of medicine.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER PROGRAM

By Roozbeh Ghavami

"Big Brother Big Sister" (BBBS) program was the vision of SMU students and its administration that began two semesters ago. As new students arrive, either as freshman or transfer students, they are new to the island of Curaçao or the school environment. This new learning environment may seem like another planet given the differences in culture and amenities. This is where BBBS comes to help the new students. The volunteers from the student body are assigned to each student to help and guide them through their daily life and needs. BBBS program has been so successful and fun that most volunteers have signed up to participate in the program all-over again. We look forward for new volunteers as new students arrive and older students part away from our family toward their future endeavors.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

By Yureve Govind

The academic curriculum employed at St Martinus University Faculty of Medicine (SMU) is second to none. The university is comprised of teaching faculty from different parts of the world, who are experts in their respective fields of the basic sciences. Each teaching professor has successfully learned the USMLE with high merit; thereby facilitating the development of proven test taking strategies in the classroom. The basic sciences are taught in a didactic manner which emphasizes conceptual learning through understanding, therefore minimizing the need for rote memorization. All classrooms and laboratories are equipped with the latest technology to further enhance the learning process. SMU utilizes Computer Based Testing (CBT) which simulates the actual look and feel of the USMLE. In addition, all in house examinations are comprised of clinical vignettes which mimic actual USMLE styled questions. The low student to faculty ratio within each classroom ensures a better quality of education, and individualized attention for all students. SMU's two semester program provides students with adequate time to fully digest and internalize the basic sciences. This has resulted in higher satisfaction for both students and faculty

STUDENT SOCIAL LIFE

By Samantha Wolfe

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A highlight of my time at St. Martinus University has been the student social life. Getting involved in activities with other students outside the classroom is a great way to form close friendships and relax after exams. Over the past year, students and as well as student organizations have planned a variety of social events for the student body of the school. We recently had our second Catamaran boat and snorkeling trip, complete with our very own chef barbequeing up a feast for us on the boat! Being in the Caribbean, we've taken full advantage of the beaches with beach day trips and even a night Bonfire, complete with s'mores. Students have been so generous in opening up their homes and hosting cooking potlucks, pool parties, and themed house parties. Good times, great eats, and lots of laughs were had by all! These activities have been a great way for us to get to know our peers outside of the school walls, and has created friends out of classmates. Everyone at school is far from home,

By Sonali Bansal

Growing up in Toronto for the majority of my life, I had never beheld the ocean or any large water body other than the few scattered beaches around Toronto. Yet in Curaçao, it is impossible to go a few steps without taking in the marvelous view of the sea all around the island. And of course, wherever you find water, you're sure to find...sailing! That's right, you probably know someone in our school who sails or has been sailing, whether casually or competitively. However, the biggest sailing event of the year is undoubtedly the Curacao Regatta 2012. And this year, I had the wonderful opportunity to be part of one

of the three teams representing St. Martinus Faculty of Medicine.

So for those of you who don't know, the Curacao Regatta 2012 is an annual sailing competition that takes place on the Spanish waters off the coast of Curaçao. This year, the race occurred over Easter

weekend (April 6th and 7th) with 104 participants. Although you could find boats of all shapes and sizes at the event, the two classes of boats that were in the Spanish waters were the Centaurs and Optimists; the larger sailboats went deeper into the sea. Each boat had three participants: a skipper (who was responsible for steering the boat and handling the mainsail), a tagger (responsible for handling the front sail on the boat, also known as the headsail) and the lookout (who was responsible for guiding the sailboat and warding off boats that got too close).



St. Martinus was participating in the Regatta for the first time ever. The entry of our school was organized by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Roeland Thomas, an avid long-time sailor. He assembled three teams, one of which was in collaboration with the local hospital, Capriles. All three teams were organized in the Centaurs class, which was comprised of 12 teams. I was personally recruited by Professor Thomas to be the lookout on one of the teams. Having no sailing experience I was nervous at first. However, I was excited for the opportunity to represent my school and experience something new. So I agreed and

gave it a shot. After a couple of days of training and talking to and meeting with the other members of my team (Kenneth and Patrick), I was finally ready for the big day.

Our mornings on the water started around 8:30 each day. Initially, we were required to set up the boat by assembling the various pieces. The sailboats used for the competition were through ProSail and we were docked near their main unit prior to every race. After

initial set-ups, we went out into the water and waited for the foghorn to sound. Once underway, we tagged behind one of the race favorites from the Optimist class and courtesy of favorable winds and quick reaction times; we were surprisingly able to win the first race in our class. The next couple of races also went well. We also had a good time during the breaks, as we got to meet members of the other team and other racers, as well as got a chance to network with members of the Capriles team. The breaks were especially useful after the rigors of each race.

I was the lookout for the first four races and I was assisting the team by watching out for other boats.

SPANISH WATER FUNI MY REGATTA EXPERIENCE

By Kenneth Skov

The Curaçao Regatta 2012 took place in the Spanish water on 6th and 7th of April. St. Martinus University faculty of Medicine was represented for the first time in the competition in the school's history and history was made. St. Martinus managed to get a total of three boats of 3 persons each in the Centaur class and all St. Martinus' boats did well in the race. In the Spanish Water the competition was held between the smaller boats for example Centaurs and Optimists, whereas the bigger sailboats were competing in the sea's open water and the total number of people in the race reached 104. The School was represented by Professor Thomas as skipper of one of the boats and Patrick as skipper on the winning boat in the Centaur small kil class. The most important

St. Martinus team. The race consisted of three heats per day for two days over a 5 N.mil route.

Looking back on the race, Curaçao regatta is a very good way to experience the sociality and comradery that takes place on the water with very experienced sailors and those who cannot remember how to pull up a sail like myself and how they all work together as a team to get the maximum output of their boats.

My experience and what I learned from the race is that teamwork is a very important factor, no matter what you do in life, whether it is medicine or being in competition with others, teamwork is a part of the puzzle in order to do well. In conclusion, the regatta gave me two very good and long days on the sea in good company with 104+ persons and good memories from something outside the medicine world. Apart from being on the first St. Martinus sailboat team I felt good getting the opportunity to do some advertising for St. Martinus University on the open water wearing my St. Martinus shirt and cap.

To summarize the event of Curaçao regatta, is that it is definitely worth to participate in and hoping

However, the real fun happened when I was the tagger for the final three races. As the tagger, I had to quickly switch the headsail whenever a change in direction was needed. The skipper would yell "Attack!" and everyone would jump into action. I had to untie the knot on one end, duck under the sail as it swung around while still maintaining a grip on the rope and retie it on the other end. And to make things challenging this maneuver was supposed to be done within 5-10 seconds, to avoid loss of speed. Overall, I learned a lot about sailing, teamwork and even managed to improve my reaction time by the end.

The second day went much better than the first. We won two out of our three races, but what made the day even more special was the majority of the faculty and a few students came out to show their support. They had a pretty good view of the action too, as they were on Dr. Yan's yacht and were able to snap quite a few good pictures. Our wins (which we were able to pull off with great teamwork, coordination and a competitive spirit) were also celebrated with everyone at the awards ceremony, where we were awarded medals. Afterwards, we went out to celebrate with everyone and enjoyed a well-deserved meal.

All in all, the competition was fulfilling, both personally and from a school spirit point of view. Not only did our team win in our class, but I was able to enjoy the company of my peers, meet new people and learn a lot about sailing, all in the span of a couple of days. Due to the success and turnout of the St. Martinus teams, our school will be starting a Martinus Sailing Club (MSC) and is looking to increase participation in the future. So, everyone put on your sailor hats and start preparing for the next season. I hope to see you all there!



CHAPTER

By Magidah Alaudi

The American Medical Student Association began with the sole purpose of protecting the medical profession and uniting medical students who stand for a common goal; to help patients and protect their rights. Over the years, AMSA has grown to become one of the nation's most prominent and internationally recognized student run organization. With power in numbers, AMSA has been dedicated to outreach in the public sector while broadening the experiences of its student members.

The SMU chapter of AMSA opened its doors in July 2011 as the first chapter on the beautiful island of Curaçao. Since then, we have made it our objective to help the community in Curaçao as our number one priority. Our organization is particularly proud of being student-driven, student-governed, and motivated to actively educate students interested in medicine. AMSA members are involved in the social and ethical concerns of modern health care. As with any organization, the vitality and effectiveness of AMSA relies on our members. Through various outreach activities, we



work as a united student run organization with visiting Physicians to hold medical seminars that help further the knowledge of our members and fellow classmates, community medical camps in order to educate our local community of predominant health concerns, and orphanage donations and food drives to help those who are less fortunate.

As part of a growing campus, we also try to unite the student body with various activities and educational benefits. Over the past few months, our students have participated in campus wide bake sales, beach bonfire trips that help the students familiarize with each other and offer each other encouragement for their choices into entering the field of medicine, suture clinics, med camp training, as well as daily USLME Step 1 questions to help stimulate the minds of the student body.

AMSA aims to allow student participation which will help our members become committed to the ideals that this organization advocates and, in the process, develop realistic and mature ideals of their own.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

In January 2011, St. Martinus re-opened their doors to further build on an established foundation.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official governing body for students at St. Martinus University. SGA advocates for student concerns and offers an array of programs and services designed to enhance your experience as an SMU student.

SGA also offers a variety of ways for students to become actively involved in the University community. Whether you want to serve as an executive member of SGA, class representative, serve on a Committee, or help create a new program, SGA members are available to assist you.

As part of the extracurricular activities on campus, we have hosted post-block BBQs, catamaran trips and beach events. This year our welcome BBQ, in conjunction with the Big Brother Big Sister program on campus, was a multicultural pot-luck. Students from various countries brought a



signature dish and each shared a story behind their dish. We welcome students to share their experiences and the paths that they have taken to reach this part of their academic careers. The catamaran trip was also an exciting way for the students to get together and relax post block exams. Students enjoyed a BBQ of local foods, swimming, dancing and sunbathing while touring the beautiful island of Curaçao.

During our beach parties, the school provides us with a trolley ride to one of the farther beaches on the island. This semester, we enjoyed a beautiful sun-filled day at Knip Beach in the Western point of Curaçao. Students enjoyed snorkeling, diving and swimming while enjoying a day with their classmates away from the classroom. SGA, puts the students first and by providing these extracurricular activities and helping ease the stress of the students, we hope it encourages them to push harder while they are in the classroom.



STUDENTS FIRST!

TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

By Jose Mukewa Wajese

Considering that not many people get the opportunity to be selected as a Teaching Assistant (TA), it is indeed a privilege for me to be asked to tutor the following pre-medical courses under the direction of Dr. Gaurav Bajaj; Anatomy and Medical Terminology at St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine. Although I have had some tutoring experience at the college level, I initially respectfully decline this offer because of the challenge and demand it entails. However, the methodological support from Dr. Bajaj and Mr. Jan Van, and also the studious collaboration from pre-med students definitely make my life easier and I am very glad and thankful for that.

Being a TA at the medical school level gives me a broader outlook on the academic information I provide when assisting other students in learning the course material. I must say, it is indeed surprising how much more I learn daily by preparing and teaching the courses even though I have already taken the class. Also it has helped strengthened and improved my communication skills. Furthermore, I realize that working as a team helps the student better understand and motivates them to learn the material being presented. This experience gives me fresh insights about teaching.

However, being a medical student myself I am facing some technical challenges in regards to my time management skills in the aspect of juggling my studies with preparing the pre-med lectures. My desire in delivering quality materials to the students, and also English being my second language makes the task even more difficult and demanding. I thank God for being able to have been committed thus far.

The positive feedbacks from the students constitute an extra motivation to continue perfecting my task. A proverb I was learned, "Even a small stream possesses big fishes in it, all that requires is for you to throw out your net to catch them". We all have unique skills and knowledge we can

By Wayne Raneiro

Living on the island of Curaçao is one experience that you would never forget. From its diverse culture to beautiful landscapes, Curaçao is one island that has everything for any adventurer and a must see for any avid traveler. When exploring any of Curaçao's beautiful beaches, you will be amazed to see the vast wildlife, cliffs and endless crystal blue water that surrounds you at every turn and offers you an opportune snorkeling and diving experience. Along with its beaches, Curaçao offers something for everyone, including exciting nightlife, countless festivals displaying Curaçao's rich musical history, plenty of open markets and fine cuisine, rooting itself in a mix of over 50 cultures, and for the adventurous try Yuana, stewed iguana that remarkably tastes like chicken!

The official language of the island is Papiamentu, a multifaceted Creole language, based on Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, and several African dialects. Along with Papiamentu, most inhabitants speak Dutch, Spanish and

English very well, so you will have no problem communicating your every need and want. The island offers many amenities, from various shopping malls, supermarkets and facilities, that offer everything that any well developed country has to offer. This creates an easy transition for anyone who plans on staying in Curaçao to study.

Attending St. Martinus University has been one experience I will never forget, for its education is laying down the foundation for my entire medical career. Many of its professors are practicing physicians on the island, with a strong background in medical education and practice. I was amazed to see the amount of knowledge our professors have in their field, and with the many clinical examples used throughout the course makes it fun and easy to relate and remember the vast amount of information that come with a medical education. The administration creates a stress-free environment with a family-like atmosphere that makes for attending classes more of a pleasure than of a



burden. The campus is located in the center of Willemstad, Curaçao's capital city and gives the student's opportunities to visit many of its cafes and restaurants throughout the day.

If you like beautiful scenery, friendly people, rich culture and a quality education for a price you can't argue with, Curaçao and St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine is the perfect place for you. I am finishing up my last semester here, and must say, don't want to leave this beautiful place but am well prepared and ready for the next chapter in my life, clinical rotations!

SMU CMDA CHAPTER

By Dr. Prince Singh

CMDA (Christian Medical Dental Association) exists to glorify God through the lives of students, physicians, and other health care professionals who believe in Jesus as their personal savior and who make medicine not just as a profession but as a calling to something great and noble which is serving God through serving men.

CMDA works through many focuses with one of the major influences being on students.

Students are benefited through campus fellowships where they meet to support each other through prayers and also to encourage each other through the word of God. Students feel themselves to be a part of big and warm family.

Students also benefit through mentoring by Christian faculty members. And the mentoring is not just limited to the area of spirituality but also in their academic life.

For those students who want to explore the option of Missions and working in 3rd world nations such as Asia and Africa, CMDA provides them with all the logistics and resources available in order to help them realize their dreams. And this may also include the entire expense being covered for them including the air fares.

"To serve with professional excellence as witnesses of Christ's love and compassion..."

those mission agencies which pay off the loans for the students and in turn place the students/fresh graduates at their will to work in Christian Mission Hospitals in the much needed communities.

CMDA also provides scholarships and grants to highly motivated students in order to help them to study well without getting pressurized by the financial burdens.

For graduates, CMDA provides information for networking with like minded colleagues and other Christian Physicians in their areas.

CMDA helps the fresh post residency graduates in their placements. And help them with malpractice support. And keeps them updated in their information through the CME's.

CMDA is very much focused and concerned to raise its voice at the disparities seen in different sections of population with regard to health care, and CMDA through various avenues tries to provide the best possible medical care to the destitute and poor and that too with love and compassion. In this regard CMDA helps students and doctors to conduct free health care medical camps, and also in starting mission hospitals in poor populations around the world.

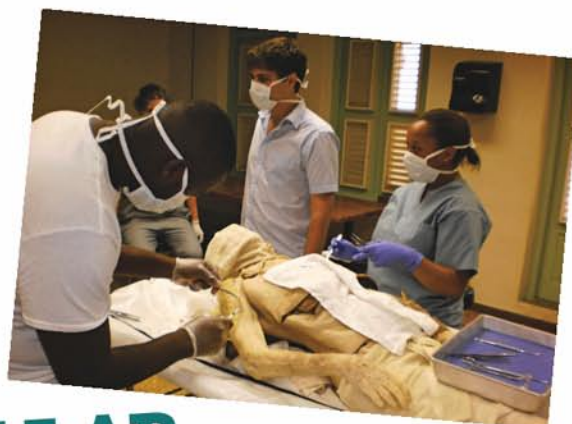
CMDA has a committee on Bioethics as well which continuously tries to raise the Biblical voice and educate the Christian physician about the necessity to

abortion, and unwise application of Stem Cell Cloning and almost an end of euthanasia.

Thus CMDA supports not just practical medicine but the wise and sensible practice of medicine that upholds the values of life and man very dearly with great honor.



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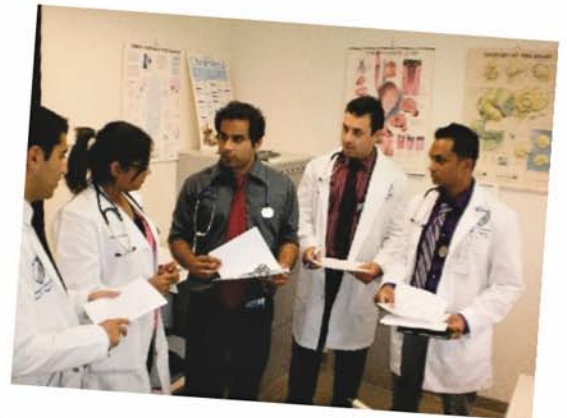


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HOSPITAL VISIT

