

Guatemala Impact Report

Global Health Scholars

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
School of Medicine



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IGSS Congress Meeting

Faculty and administrators from Washington University School of Medicine and the Global Scholars Program met with physicians and faculty from IGSS and Roosevelt Hospital to discuss collaboration and share best practices in internal medicine training and academic exchange programs, including the globally recognized Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics.

The Washington University in St. Louis Global Health Scholars Pathway is designed for residents who wish to explore Global Health as a possible career avenue. It is designed to educate leaders in research, public health and health policy, advocacy, education and project implementation. It will increase the residents' understanding of health systems, the impact of culture and the social determinants on population health, and foster skills for providing care in resource limited environments. The pathway is customizable based on the Resident's interest and prior experience in Global Health. Residents apply for the pathway during intern year and will have dedicated time to pursue the multidisciplinary "Global Health" course in their second year, as well as time for a rotation abroad or locally. WUSTL and international mentors will assist the residents to select a site amongst our institutional partners and a focus for their scholarly work. Scholarly work is a requirement and can be in clinical or basic science research, public health, education or ethics. Local avenues are available for additional clinical experience in international, immigrant and refugee health as well as TB and HIV clinics.



The meetings focused on identifying opportunities to enhance academic exchange, share best practices in clinical training, and expand educational resources that support medical professionals in both institutions. Participants discussed potential pathways for faculty and trainee exchanges, joint learning opportunities, and collaboration around evidence-based clinical training models.

A key component of the discussion included the use and global impact of the **Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics**, one of the most widely used clinical reference guides in internal medicine. Conversations explored how this resource and related educational tools can support training and clinical decision-making for physicians and trainees in Guatemala.

As a result of the collaboration, both institutions expressed strong interest in continuing dialogue and developing future initiatives, including expanded academic partnerships, shared educational programming, and opportunities for knowledge exchange that strengthen clinical training and improve patient care outcomes.

This engagement represents an important step toward building a sustainable partnership that advances **global medical education, clinical excellence, and collaborative learning** between Washington University and healthcare institutions in Guatemala.



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