PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS:
Medical, Dental, Nursing, Emergency Services, Pharmacy

Work directly with patients in every clinic in a variety of patient care roles, under direct supervision of licensed and boarded providers.

OUTCOMES AND GOALS: Develop patient triage, assessment, and treatment skills, take histories and physicals, establish a differential diagnosis and present findings, perform wound care and laboratory testing, and provide disease/prevention education.

- **Learning Opportunities:** All providers on IMR trips are responsible for teaching IMR student volunteers and local health care students as time allows. You will have learning opportunities every day and gain valuable experience in patient care.

- **Clinical Trials:** You may have the opportunity to participate in collecting data for clinical trials if IMR has an approved trial at the time of your trip.

- **Patient Care:** Assess sick and well patients within the current scope of your training.

- **Diagnosis Equipment:** Utilize equipment such as fetal Doppler, EKG, ultrasound, hemoglobin, glucometer, and pulse oximeter for patient diagnosis.

- **Triage:** Triage patients to sick or well care based on vital signs and a rapid assessment.

- **ICU:** Administer IV fluids and medications as required in clinic, within your current training.

- **Laboratory, injectables, and respiratory therapy:** Provide laboratory testing (e.g., UA, pregnancy, HIV, malaria, blood typing), nebulizer treatments, teach correct use of inhalers and other therapies, reconstitute and administer IV and IM medications.

- **Wound care:** Treat major and minor wounds and educate patients on follow-up care.

- **Minor procedures:** You may be asked to assist other providers with minor procedures.

- **Learning Environment:** All providers on IMR trips are responsible for teaching IMR student volunteers and local health care students. Students work under direct supervision and within their scope of care and comfort level.

- **Patient transports and home visits:** Transport patients to hospitals or do home care during the trip as part of a team of licensed providers and emergency services personnel.

- **Pharmacy:** Organize sick and well care pharmacies, dispense medication, and provide patient education on how to take and store medications appropriately and safely.

- **Statistics:** Collect statistics on diagnoses, which is a great way to understand what is being seen and how it is being treated in clinic.

- **Independent Study:** You may be able to arrange for an independent study with your school under supervision of IMR personnel. Talk to us if you are interested.