Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Dartmouth Haiti Response, an ongoing collaboration involving Dartmouth College, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School, and Partners In Health (PIH). We are writing to let you know that the Dartmouth Haiti Response is dedicated to long term efforts in Haiti and that Dartmouth is continuing to help PIH organize future teams of volunteer medical clinicians to travel to Port au Prince to help staff the University Hospital in the upcoming months. At the present, the PIH field teams are requesting only inpatient critical care physicians and nurses—both adult and pediatric—to help meet the critical care needs of the hospital.

There are still enormous medical and rehabilitation needs for those injured in the earthquake. NGO support in Port au Prince has been scaled back since the initial post-earthquake response, yet a significant public health disaster continues. Ongoing hospital-based care is still desperately needed. The Dartmouth Haiti Response, therefore, is helping to fill those needs by (1) sending Dartmouth-PIH teams through June, and (2) soliciting volunteers for PIH teams. Dartmouth and PIH want volunteers who will commit to deployments of a minimum of 10 days. All deployed volunteers (Dartmouth-PIH or PIH-only) will travel to and work in Haiti under the auspices of PIH.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the PIH Haiti Volunteer Information Form in the link below. By filling out this form, you are submitting your application information to PIH. PIH directors will use the form to select volunteers for PIH teams. If you would like to be considered for a Dartmouth-PIH team, write “Dartmouth” under “Referral source if applicable.” The Dartmouth Haiti Response coordinating committee will review these volunteer applications separately. John Butterly, MD, Executive Medical Director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, will oversee the selection of the Dartmouth-PIH teams in consultation with PIH directors who share up-to-date information about the most critically needed skills in Haiti.

To complete and submit the PIH Haiti Volunteer Information Form, please go to:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHVsRktKcUhyUnI3MmJNQnZuSS1UWkE6MA

Enter your current information including the earliest possible date that you could deploy.

Under “Future availability,” please list your availability for the following specific dates:
04.17.2010 – 04.30.2010
05.1.2010 - 05.14.2010
05.15.2010 - 05.28.2010
05.29.2010 - 06.11.2010
06.12.2010 – 06.25.2010

Under “Future availability,” please also include the contact information for your direct clinical or administrative supervisor. Volunteers selected for a Dartmouth Haiti Response team must demonstrate that they have the approval of their direct supervisor (if they are employed).
Please note that individuals selected for consideration for participation on a Dartmouth Haiti Response team will be expected to use vacation or personal time (if they are employed).

In addition, if selected for consideration, individuals will be asked to provide a significant amount of documentation and agree to fulfill certain requirements. These requirements, along with a list of resources and support that PIH and Dartmouth will provide are attached in the DARTMOUTH HAITI RESPONSE (DHR) TEAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT FORM. Please review the form before submitting an application indicating interest in being part of a Dartmouth-PIH team.

For more information on Dartmouth Haiti Response, please visit http://www.dartmouth.edu/~news/features/haiti/index.html or email Dartmouth.Haiti.Response@Dartmouth.edu.

If you still have questions about information on the requirements or support for a Dartmouth Haiti Response team, please write to Molly Bode at Molly.R.Bode@Dartmouth.edu.

**Remember** in order to be considered for a Dartmouth-PIH (Dartmouth Haiti Response) team, you must write “Dartmouth” under “Referral source if applicable” in the PIH Haiti Volunteer Information Form.

Also, please note that the PIH Haiti Volunteer Information Form is updated in real time. The selection process, however, is thorough and based on changing needs, so please be patient in waiting for a notification of selection. While the Dartmouth Haiti Response coordinating committee will try to give enough advance notice when possible, volunteers may be selected only 7-10 days before deployment.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing interest in our region to serve the needs of the people of Haiti. We are also grateful for the support that has enabled us to continue this important work in collaboration with Partners In Health.

Many thanks,

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