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"The Global Health Initiative's Observership Program gave me the opportunity to compare protocols and procedures between Mexico and the U.S., and appreciate the value of multi-disciplinary teamwork. The well-rounded quality of this learning experience has enhanced the clinical and research skills that I will carry with me in the future."

Lourdes R. Rodriguez, MD
Observer and Pediatric Oncologist
Hospital Infantil Teletón de Oncología
Querétaro, Mexico

The Global Health Initiative in brief

- 25 Partner Institutions
- 21 Countries
- 19 Programs
- International partners in Africa, Asia, South and Central America, the Middle East and the Caucasus Region.

The **Global Health Initiative at Dana-Farber/ Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center** is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on countries with limited resources, and brings together faculty, fellows, nurses, social workers, psychologists, health educators, and managers to improve outcomes for children.

We are working to establish centers of excellence in pediatric hematology and oncology in the developing world, and we are training the next generation of leaders.

Our **mission** is to improve the lives and enhance the care of children with cancer and blood disorders worldwide.

Our Work

GLOBE Program

The Pediatric Global Oncology and Blood Disorders Education (GLOBE) Program is an observership experience primarily for pediatricians and nurses from developing and underdeveloped countries. During their stay, participants attend patient rounds and other clinical activities, and participate in teaching conferences and journal clubs. Scholars are mentored on designing and implementing a clinical, quality, or research project that focuses on care delivery, health systems, survivorship, palliative care, psychosocial support or administrative issues. The GHI has hosted more than 40 international observers from more than 15 countries around the world. GLOBE Scholars have the opportunity to be exposed in our unique academic environment and interact with faculty from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, and the broader global health community in Boston.

Twinning/Capacity Building

Through our "twinning" programs, we partner with health care organizations in low- and middle-income countries to build and strengthen programs that treat childhood cancer and blood disorders. We help our partners analyze needs, solve problems, set priorities, and build multidisciplinary teams. We also use telemedicine and web-based tools to mentor and guide partners.
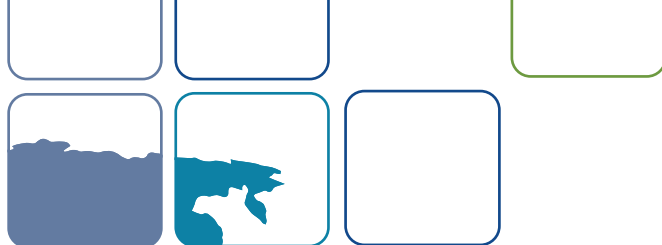
Education

Through our global health training program, we educate a wide range of health care professionals involved in the care and prevention of childhood cancers and blood disorders. We share knowledge rapidly and equitably, through formats including:

- Onsite and Online Training Programs
- Curriculum Development
- Global Health Observership Program
- Global Health Fellowships

The long-term goal is to help our partner organizations evolve into regional training centers and referral networks, helping spread expertise around the world.

Research

True advances in the care for children with cancer and blood disorders in countries with limited resources require the research to learn more about the epidemiology of the diseases and the best way to treat children. Our research projects range from needs assessment and early diagnosis to quality improvement and patient outcomes studies.

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