

MUSC Global Surgery Program

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A Reflection on Cape Town

Georgia Lydon (incoming PGY1) describes her experience participating in global surgery research at Stellenbosch University.

MUSC Global Surgery Elective

Important announcement! A fourth year Global Surgery elective has been approved for the College of Medicine.

2023 DOM Research Symposium

Clayton Ross (M2) presented at the 2023 Department of Medicine Research Symposium on global surgery & global health.



A Reflection on Cape Town - from Georgia Lydon (Incoming PGY1)

"In April, I returned from a 10 week trip to Cape Town where I had the opportunity to participate in global surgery research with Dr. Kathryn Chu at Stellenbosch University. My primary project sought to identify barriers impacting access to care for traumatic injuries in Rwanda, Ghana, Pakistan, and South Africa. I spent time interviewing patients who had been admitted to Tygerberg Hospital, which is the largest public hospital in the Western Cape. While I was there I also worked on a burn study, the goal of which was to identify if there had been an increase in electrical burns due to suspected copper cable wire theft during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since I have been back I have continued to work on a colorectal study, which is trying to assess how effectively South Africa is implementing colon cancer screening. I am thankful to have had this time to spend in South Africa and am hopeful that my experience will allow future MUSC students to work in Cape Town, as well."

Georgia also presented **"Global Surgery: Equitable Access to Quality Health Care for Injured People in Low or Middle Income Countries"** at the MUSC Center for Global Health Trainee Grant Presentations earlier this May.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

COM Approves Global Surgery Elective!

The Global Surgery Program successfully coordinated approval of a fourth year medical student Global Surgery elective by the College of Medicine's Selectives and Electives committee. Students in their final year will now be able to take Global Surgery electives effective this year.



MUSC Global Surgery attends the 2023 DOM Research Symposium

Global Surgery Council Member **Clayton Ross (M2)** was invited to give a poster presentation for a MUSC ACCESS Program Needs Assessment among preliminary residents and M4s at the 2023 Department of Medicine Research Symposium. The goal of Clayton's presentation includes increasing opportunities for Global Health and Surgery related efforts among MUSC students, residents, & faculty, as well as building awareness around our Global Surgery Program mission.