

Team Leader, AMPATH – Reproductive Health Job Description

The Role. This position provides graduates in OB/GYN the opportunity to contribute to the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare's (AMPATH) tripartite mission of care, education and research in Reproductive Health, with focused attention on meeting the educational goals of this global health collaboration. This is a unique position within the global health space for those interested in broadening their clinical skills, while leading initiatives with Kenyan colleagues that aim to reduce the inequities in care that women face. The Team Leader (TL) for AMPATH-RH is a member of Indiana University *or* University of Toronto Department of OBGYN, Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), and Moi University School of Medicine (MUSOM) Department of Reproductive Health in Eldoret Kenya, with specific clinical, teaching and administrative responsibilities.

The Organization. The Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) is a unique collaboration committed to developing excellence and leadership capacity in research, education and care in sub-Saharan Africa. Under the vision of 'Leading with Care', AMPATH is a consortium of universities and academic health centers that supported the establishment of the Moi University School of Medicine in 1989 and the implementation of an ambitious HIV and Primary Care program. It has been recognized by the Government of Kenya as a 'learning laboratory' that can generate and test innovative solutions to health problems by drawing on its rich expertise in Clinical Care, Community Services, Research and Informatics. To this end, AMPATH has engaged in community and facility-based strategies to improve primary health care, including mentoring and training providers in maternal, newborn and child health, to supporting 1400 community health workers over a population of 750,000 in 7 sites, to supporting a more secure and affordable drug supply in health centers and district hospitals, and investing in IT infrastructure for electronic medical records. Since 2007-2008, Indiana University and the University of Toronto have been co-leading the collaboration's efforts in Reproductive Health. The reproductive-maternal-newborn-child health (RMNCH) core of Primary Health Care has been successful in obtaining funding from Grand Challenges Canada, the Saving Lives at Birth initiative, the National Institutes of Health, and others for interventions in care that range from mHealth pilots with community health workers, to group care for women and children and peer support groups for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

The TL is based at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), the second largest teaching hospital in Kenya. MTRH is located in Eldoret, a city of almost 400,000 people. Obstetrical volume consists of >12,000 deliveries per year, many of which are referred from outside institutions. There are over 500 gynecologic surgeries conducted annually and over 7000 reproductive-health related outpatient visits. Through our collaboration, we have co-led the delivery of emergency obstetrical programming, a Gynaecologic Oncology Treatment Program and a clinical fellowship in Gynaecology Oncology, and most recently a clinical fellowship and care program in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Overall, we strive, in the model of AMPATH, to *lead with care*.

The Responsibilities.

Clinical (50%):

- Will be assigned to an Attending team in the MTRH Department of RH
- Contribute to call duties on Labor, Antenatal/Postnatal, and Gynecology Wards
- Option to see patients for colposcopy in the Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Perform elective and urgent gynecology surgeries
- Provide 2-3 weeks of clinical time/month (ward rounds, inpatient care, theatre, outpatients clinics as determined by the Attending Rota)

Teaching (30%):

- Serve as Visiting Lecturer in the Moi University School of Medicine Department of Reproductive Health and Visiting Assistant Professor, Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Indiana University *or* University of Toronto¹
- Participate in clinical teaching of Kenyan RH (Obstetrics & Gynecology) residents and assist in development and implementation of resident research projects
- Supervise and mentor visiting AMPATH consortium medical students and residents in RH (includes written evaluations of students and residents, weekly check-ins throughout their elective experiences and directing management of any concerns or trainees in difficulty)
- Coordinate the orientation and scheduling for visiting students, residents and faculty from North America within Reproductive Health
- Provide weekend duty once monthly (welcome and orient guests arriving on the weekend to Indiana University compound and its activities, be available for any visitor emergencies) for all visitors to all aspects of the AMPATH program

Administrative/Managerial/Research (20%):

- Help to develop and implement care guidelines in the Department of Reproductive Health at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital
- Assist with ongoing implementation and initiation of research projects within AMPATH-RH
- Participate in grant and manuscript writing, as needed to assist with implementation of AMPATH-RH initiatives and research
- Supervision and mentorship of student, registrar and resident research projects as noted above
- *Opportunities for greater research engagement exist depending on TL interest and career goals*

Term of Service.

- ~August 2021-April 2022 (dates are flexible depending on candidate's availability - to be determined in coordination with AMPATH-RH Leadership)
- Up to 4 vacation weeks to be planned in coordination with the AMPATH-RH Leadership

Candidate Profile.

- OB/GYN graduate who is motivated and able to work independently
- Strong interest in global health, social justice and health, and/or disparities in healthcare issues.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, including team management, organizational skills, interpersonal collaboration, communication skills

For more information, please be in touch with Dr. Caitlin Bernard caitlinbernardmd@gmail.com (past TL, IU OBGYN Faculty and co-Director AMPATH-RH Research Working Group) or Dr. Julie Thorne (past TL, U of T OBGYN Faculty) at julie.thorne@utoronto.ca.

Application. To apply, please submit the following to Dr. Rachel Spitzer, rachel.spitzer@utoronto.ca, Vice-Chair Global Health and Advocacy at the University of Toronto.

- Resume
- 1-page cover letter
- Names of 2 references (with position title, phone number, email address)

Deadline: March 15, 2021 or until filled