



### Our MISSION

IVUmed is committed to making quality urological care available to people worldwide. In fulfilling this mission, IVUmed provides medical and surgical education to physicians and nurses, and treatment to thousands of suffering children and adults.

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## IVUmed Surgical Workshop San Pedro Sula, Honduras April 19-26, 2008

IVUmed held its sixth pediatric urology workshop since 2002 at Hospital Leonardo Martinez Valenzuela in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. This has always been a special site, as IVUmed began its work in San Pedro. This workshop marks the final full team workshop in Honduras. IVUmed's enthusiastic Honduran partners have progressed to the point of graduating from regular IVUmed training. It has been a wonderful process of discovery and refinement, culminating in this outstanding achievement.

While IVUmed will maintain regular support and contact with its Honduran partners by sending smaller contingents to San Pedro Sula for collaboration on advanced procedures, Drs. Gomez, Tome and Velez are more than capable of serving the essential pediatric urological needs of their many patients. IVUmed is delighted at this progress and wishes to thank all of its supporters and volunteers who have made this accomplishment possible.

IVUmed began developing its award-winning model for surgical education in Honduras in 1992. Since then, IVUmed has expanded to multiple sites in Africa, Asia and Latin America. IVUmed will continue its work with current and future partner sites with the goal of establishing self-sufficient pediatric urology programs. Many challenges remain for the country of Honduras, particularly poverty, but with efforts like IVUmed's surgical education program, communities can achieve a full state of self-reliance resulting in improved living conditions and a brighter future for people whose time has come.

John Gazak, MD, IVUmed volunteer and team leader stated, "I always wax philosophical as we approach the end of an IVUmed workshop. So many tragically deformed children treated but oh so many left who are in need. As is so often the case I find that I seem to learn as much as I teach and that the reward I receive personally far outweighs anything that I provide."



## IVUmed Surgical Workshop Report Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia September 18-28, 2008

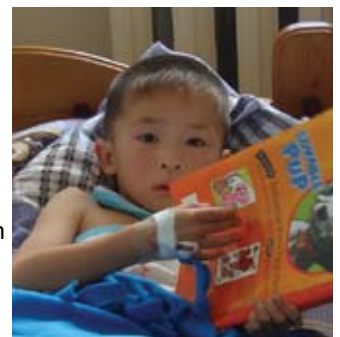
IVUmed returned to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for the site's first joint pediatric and adult surgical workshop. The IVUmed team was hosted by State Central Clinical Hospital #1 and by the Maternal and Child Hospital of Mongolia. The workshop marked our first pediatric workshop in Mongolia since 2005. IVUmed began adult urology work at Hospital #1 in 2007. This year's training in Mongolia, which served 96 children and adults, was very successful and was made possible in part by the generous support of the Swanson Family Foundation and Build-a-Bear.

IVUmed's Mongolian partners have devoted a tremendous amount of energy and dedication to the provision of quality urological care. They seek IVUmed's expertise to further elevate the local programs. Their comfort and skill with new techniques grew throughout the week, and our physicians will teach more sophisticated procedures in future workshops.

The IVUmed team consisted of one urologist, one nurse and a trip secretary for each of the two hospitals. The team also included one of IVUmed's 2008-09 Resident Scholars, Dr. Sujith Reddy, who worked primarily with Dr. Blake Hamilton at Hospital #1. Another exciting development was the addition of Japanese anesthesiologist Dr. Norifumi Kuratani, who worked with IVUmed founder and president Dr. Catherine deVries at the Maternal and Child Hospital.

We are especially grateful to all the IVUmed members and donors who helped make the workshop a success. This year's efforts in Mongolia made great strides toward the development of sustainable, self-reliant urological programs in Mongolia.

Many enjoyed reading of the team's work on our website blog. To read about our experiences abroad as they happen, visit [www.ivumed.org](http://www.ivumed.org) and click the 'blog' link on the left side of the page.



## Benefit Boosts Programs

On September 13, IVUmed's Annual Benefit gave terrific support to its programs with record-breaking contributions. Nearly 200 enthusiastic guests contributed over \$106,000, helping to provide surgical training in underserved areas of the world. IVUmed Board member Allison Cumming and her husband, David, provided perfect hospitality in the Depot at the Gateway in Salt Lake City, a venue with a well earned reputation as the "in" night club in Salt Lake City. The event will support our surgical education workshops and will pay for such necessities as pain medication, nursing support and supplies.

Dr. Catherine deVries was joined by Committee member Ashley Arthur for awarding honorees, the Astellas USA Foundation, Herb and Nancy Tully, and Drs. Theodore Ning and Michael Packer.

Renee Sutton of Vista Staffing designed and arranged table decorations. Committee member Ellen Thorp arranged for awards, table gifts and photographer Malcolm Thorpe. Many thanks go to Dr. Thayne Larson who hosted the "Fund-A-Need" auction.

### Support for the evening was contributed by guests noted by major giving levels.

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For the IVUmed Board the evening was a reunion, since many of the nationally located Trustees attended as a major event of their annual weekend retreat.

*Above: Dancing at the Gala*

*Above, right: Dr. Thayne Larson, Melinda Vierig, Dr. Ted Ning, Dr. Catherine deVries*

*Right: Benefit guests in traditional Nigerian dress*



## New Members Choose Leadership Circle and Scholarship Training Levels

IVUmed began offering memberships this spring, to allow greater participation in the organization by all. You know what we can do, and we thank you for becoming members. Our Scholarship and Leadership Circle memberships have grown beyond our most optimistic projections since introducing the program earlier this year. Your response energizes us to do our best for you, our new members.

If you have not joined, you may want to take a look at becoming an IVUmed member online at [www.ivumed.org](http://www.ivumed.org) and under the "Donate" button. Categories are: Leadership Circle, \$1,000; Dr. Pieter A. deVries Pediatric Scholarship Fund, \$350; Dr. Joseph W. Segura Endourology Fund, \$250; Regular Membership, \$50. Generous donors to these funds have supported scholarships for three pediatric urologists in a developing country and one resident research scholar in Endourology from the States.

This is an exciting time for us, as we have laid plans for the Utah Urology Education Series to be conducted throughout Utah. Five volunteer pediatric urologists and two nurses will discuss urological topics with primary care providers in urban and rural community health centers. Additionally, IVUmed is in the final stages of planning a new online education program, designed to supplement national and international surgical teaching workshops. Membership support helps make dreams of these programs come true.

## WE'VE MOVED

We are now located further south in Salt Lake City. Our new more convenient location, 3269 South Main Street, #230, Salt Lake City, UT 84115 evens up the commute for our staff, with a more central location for all. Less time is required to get to our new location and home. Our phone, fax, email, and web address are the same.

## Resident Scholars and the Experience of a Lifetime

As IVUmed's Resident Scholars travel the world to provide service and build international surgical relationships, they learn a great deal about the realities of developing world medicine. The program, nearing its 10th anniversary, has sent over 120 urology residents to developing countries to teach surgical techniques and to learn the qualities needed to operate in challenging, resource-limited settings. Our 2007-2008 scholars represent 11 resident programs and traveled to eight different countries in Africa and Asia.

The many benefits of the program to residents include the opportunity to work with experienced mentors, to practice urological procedures not often seen in the US and to be challenged by the unique elements of developing world medicine. Most importantly, they develop relationships with their foreign colleagues and provide service to children and adults in desperate need of quality care. We hope that this experience will begin a lifetime of international service for each scholarship recipient.

Over the past year, IVUmed introduced its new online blog, which gives supporters the opportunity to read about the residents' experiences in the field as they happen. While in Ghana, Dr. Stephanya Shear wrote, "To me, the most moving and meaningful moment on our trip was when a patient's mother said thank you to the team for taking care of all the children. She spoke with great warmth as she shared her appreciation for the care we had given the children and for the healing work we had done."

In the end, IVUmed's Resident Scholars gain much from their experiences, but the greatest benefit is to the patients, those served on the scholarship trips and the thousands that will be served at home and abroad by dynamic individuals forever changed by the experience of a lifetime.

### IVUmed's 2007-2008 Traveling Resident Scholars

Resident	Resident Program	Mentor	Site
Subarna Biswas, MD	Stanford University	Sakti Das, MD	Bangladesh
Sarah Conley, MD	Mayo Clinic Arizona	Peter Bergreen, MD	Vietnam
Tim Davies, MD	Eastern Virginia Medical School	Kurt McCammon, MD	
		Susan Kalota, MD	Nigeria
Brad Erickson, MD	Northwestern University	Sakti Das, MD	
		Carlos Angel, MD	Egypt
Paul Gittens, MD	Thomas Jefferson University	Paul Dudzinski, MD	Vietnam
David Hadley, MD	University of Utah	Peter Bergreen, MD	Vietnam
Todd Morgan, MD	University of Washington	Andy Southwick, MD	
		Catherine deVries, MD	Mongolia
Inger Rosner, MD	Walter Reed Army Medical Center	Richard Williams, MD	Haiti
Samson Shen, MD	University of Missouri	Larry Hake, MD	Vietnam
Stephanya Shear, MD	University of Rochester	Francis Schneck, MD	Ghana
Jonathan Silberstein, MD	UC San Diego	Gopal Badlani, MD	India

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"The operative experience was nothing short of spectacular. Working with Drs. Sakti Das and Carlos Angel, both of whom were excellent technicians and teachers, was an incredible experience for me, and after doing nearly 30 consecutive hypospadias repairs of all varieties, I can safely say that I've had a fellowship's worth of training in that particular operation. The operative days were long and grueling, and the combination of old, elevation-challenged OR tables and the height difference between Dr. Das and me unquestionably did some permanent damage to my cervical spine. But at the end of the day, all of us were equally exhausted—a good exhaustion, though—the kind where you know it means you've done something worthwhile with your time."

--Brad Erickson, MD, Northwestern University, Egypt 2007

"This lasting effect of the trip was unexpected but appreciated. I know I could not have asked for anything more. It seems silly now, but though I knew this experience would be significant for me, I did not know how or where that significance would affect my life. I am extremely grateful that there is an IVUmed to create these experiences and companies like Verathon to provide support both financially and with much-appreciated medical equipment. What a difference a trip makes."

--Todd Morgan, MD, University of Washington, Mongolia 2007

"Rarely did I look into a patient's room and not see a family member tending to their needs. The sense of family was also carried over from the residents and attendings to our urology group. We were immediately integrated as part of the surgical team; our opinions about the surgical procedure and postoperative management were equally weighted when discussing patients. Outside the hospital, we were entertained with various Hue delicacies and they eagerly shared many customs and traditions."

--Paul Gittens, MD, Thomas Jefferson University, Vietnam 2008



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