MGH Global Health Community Meeting 3/10/2026 Program Updates

Global Disaster Response

- MGB travel restrictions currently affecting travel to and transit through several countries in the Middle East, including major transit hubs such as Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai
- Restrictions remain indefinite and may impact travel routes commonly used for East Africa, South Africa, and parts of Asia
- Turkey not currently included, though delays and disruptions have been reported in the region
- Travelers encouraged to review itineraries and avoid affected routes when possible
- Reminder to register travel through the TravelSafe program for institutional support and emergency assistance
- Platform provides security alerts, travel briefings, and emergency signaling
- Some travelers have experienced system login blocks from certain countries; notifying IT before travel may help prevent access disruptions

Global Nursing

- A planned trip to Uganda was postponed due to travel disruptions and routing challenges through Turkey
- Team working with partners in Uganda to reschedule the visit

Global Education and Clinical Innovation

- Process underway for the Global Health Medical Education and Innovation Development Award
- Volunteer faculty opportunities remain available in Rwanda through the Paul Farmer Collaborative
- Faculty interested in participating are encouraged to reach out to Esther
- Internal medicine faculty particularly needed for July and August rotations

Global Research and Innovation

- The Research Development Award application cycle has closed
- A total of 19 applications were received
- Review committee evaluating submissions; funding decisions expected within the next few weeks

Strength and Serenity Global Initiative to End Gender-Based Violence

- Upcoming presentation at the conference in Vienna with participation from project team members and a physician collaborator from Ukraine
- Participation in an upcoming UCLA nursing conference, presenting work on the education partnership with the Luhansk Institute of Health Sciences School for Nurses and Midwives
- Visa process underway for a Ukrainian nursing collaborator hoping to attend the conference
- Comprehensive literature review in progress on technology-facilitated gender-based violence
- Recent newsletter includes a reflection by Dr. Lisa Maroon on identifying postpartum domestic violence in clinical care
    - Reach out to Mary Greenwald, mgreenwald@mgh.harvard.edu, to access the newsletter

Global Palliative

- Held a reunion meeting during the national meeting in San Diego
- Fellows from the past seven years participated, representing three fellowship programs
- UCLA joining as a new fellowship site next year

Global Cancer Care

- Team participated in an international access conference in Europe focused on new partnership models in LMICs
- Discussions focused on diagnostics, clinical trials, and access models tailored to LMIC contexts

Global Dermatology

- Announcement of a new Lancet Commission on Skin Health, the first in the journal's history
- Commission will be co-chaired by a CGH collaborator and developed over the next two years
- Work will involve international partners and an academic host institution in China

Additional notes

- The MGH Asylum Clinic continues to experience high demand in collaboration with attorney partners
- Increase in cases involving immigration detention and investigative work examining harms related to detention and immigration enforcement
- Clinic continues to welcome new volunteers; community members interested in volunteering are encouraged to reach out