



A Global Telehealth and Humanitarian Medicine Volunteer Alliance
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ABOUT ICONS IN MEDICINE

iCons in Medicine uses the Internet to connect health care providers in remote and medically underserved areas (Requestors) with a network of committed specialty physicians (Volunteers) who provide clinical support. This program expands treatment options for patients who otherwise would not have access to specialty care. The alliance of volunteer physicians fosters international understanding and engages in global collaboration by providing expertise, encouragement and advice.

HOW IT WORKS

The medical collaboration is made possible by a special computer software and social networking website.

The Software

- Allows health care providers in remote and medically underserved areas to upload a case consultation form including digital images. The software saves the information until connectivity is available.
- Functions like e-mail once connectivity is obtained. It routes the case to the network of volunteer physicians according to the specialty desired.

The Website

- Allows volunteers to respond to cases with clinical advice through its built-in communication tools.
- Allows all participants to post profiles of themselves, their organizations and their practice areas. This global registry of constituent members collates information on areas of interest and expertise allowing members to interact with others with relevant knowledge or capability facilitating a vibrant Community of Practice.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Health care providers in clinics, hospitals or NGOs working in remote or medically underserved areas, who are licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction in which they work, are eligible to join and request teleconsultations.
- Physicians Licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction in which they reside are eligible to join and provide volunteer teleconsultations.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Physicians in remote and medically underserved areas gain access to specialty consultations at no cost.
- Volunteers can help those in need, around the world, from the convenience of their home or office.
- In addition to receiving or providing improved patient care, participants can expand their professional networks and engage with a community of committed, caring physicians.

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