



[Health Volunteers Overseas](#) seeks active or retired physicians, podiatrists, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, and researchers specialized in wound care and lymphedema management. Qualified volunteers are health care professionals who are involved in providing advanced, evidence-based wound care including edema/lymphedema management and are working with wounds in an academic setting, a clinical practice in any setting, wound research, or infection control. Previous clinical or academic teaching experience is preferred but not required. Clinicians must have a current professional license and be members of both HVO and the AAWC.

ACTIVE PROJECTS

Kampot, Cambodia – Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital (SKMH)

Volunteers will work with medical students, bedside nurses, nurse educators and managers, physicians and surgeons to improve the quality of wound care assessment and treatment. Longer term goals include establishment of a nurse-run wound care clinic, as well as a home care program. Volunteers will also assist in the development of a comprehensive wound care educational curriculum.



Assignment: 1-2 weeks

Teaching Topics: Wound care & lymphedema – all topics; all topics; diabetic and post-surgical wounds of particular interest

Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No

Qualifications: Board certified wound specialists with a minimum of 5 years' practical experience and some teaching experience, including physical and occupational therapists, physicians, podiatrists, nurses and researchers specialized in wound care and lymphedema management. Previous clinical or academic teaching experience is preferred but not required. Clinicians must have a current professional license

Activities: Clinical training, continuing education, curriculum development, didactic training, faculty/staff training, mentoring

Housing: Volunteer responsible for housing; information on nearby facilities provided.

Companions: Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

Phnom Penh, Cambodia – Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope

Volunteers teach basic and advanced wound and lymphedema care, with both basic and advanced supplies. Volunteers may also have the opportunity to work with the municipal hospital and the leprosy center. Activities may include providing lectures, participating in rounds, conducting prevalence studies, and assisting in the development of patient education materials.



Assignment: 1-2 weeks

Teaching Topics: Wound care & lymphedema – all topics; pressure ulcers, trauma wounds, neuropathic ulcers (diabetes & leprosy), arterial ulcers and wound infections of particular interest

Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No

Qualifications: Physicians, podiatrists, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, and researchers (active or retired) specialized in wound care & lymphedema management

Activities: Case presentations, clinical training, continuing education, didactic instruction, faculty/staff training, formal lecturing, grand rounds, health education material development, mentoring, protocol development, research advising

Housing: Volunteer responsible for housing; assistance and information on nearby facilities provided.

Companions: Suitable for companion/spouse; suitable for children

Deschapelles, Haiti – Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS)

Please note: HVO is not currently placing volunteers at this project.

Volunteers provide basic wound care training to the nursing staff at HAS. Physicians and Physical Therapists are integrated into the training based on the volunteer's specialty and area of training. Volunteers will be sent in teams of two, twice a year between January and March and again in July to September.



Assignment: 1-2 weeks

Teaching Topics: Wound care & lymphedema – all topics; abscesses, trauma wounds, diabetic feet/ulcers, pressure ulcers, and burns of particular interest

Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No

Qualifications: Physicians, podiatrists, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, and researchers (active or retired) specialized in wound care & lymphedema management; 3-5 years clinical experience; prior experience working in developing country

Activities: Case presentations, clinical training, continuing education, didactic instruction, faculty/staff training, formal lecturing, mentoring

Housing: Housing is provided.

Companions: Not suitable for companion/spouse; not suitable for children

Raxaul, India – Duncan Hospital

HVO volunteers will work with nursing students, as well as staff nurses and physicians to provide training in wound management. HVO volunteers will provide lectures, as well as hands-on training to educate students and staff in wound care techniques, principles and protocols and facilitate the application of this knowledge in patient care.



Assignment: 1-4 weeks

Teaching Topics: Wound care & lymphedema – all topics; moist wound healing, vascular surgery, wound assessment, wound debridement, nutrition, and burn care of particular interest

Opportunities for Those-in-Training: No

Qualifications: Volunteers must be licensed, active or retired nurses or physicians. Nurses with experience in wound care are preferred. Physician with wound care experience are well suited or specializing in general surgery, plastic surgery, orthopaedic surgery or trauma surgery accepted. Clinicians must have a current professional license

Activities: Clinical training, continuing education, curriculum development, faculty/staff training, mentoring

Housing: Housing is provided.

Companions: Not suitable for companion/spouse; not suitable for children

HVO's Wound & Lymphedema Management Projects are a partnership with the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC). AAWC members are eligible to apply for the AAWC Travel grant to help offset the cost of volunteering at HVO project sites.

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