John Idso

Rzeszow University, Poland
Faculty: Grzegorz Telega, MD, Associate Professor Pediatrics
Study: Quality and Cost of Type 2 Diabetes Globally
Purpose: Determine if there is an appreciable difference in quality and cost between Wisconsin and the Podkarpackie region in Poland for a specific disease, T2DM.

John (Jack) McGee

Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal
Faculty: Theodore MacKinney, MD, MPH, FACP, Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Study: Renal Replacement Therapy in Nepal: A Point in Time Survey
Purpose: (1) Survey the current statistics of RRT & estimate the incidence and prevalence of ESRD in Nepal, (2) Assess the current state & regional distribution of nephrology services in Nepal, (3) Review the costs associated with RRT in Nepal to determine the financial burden the government could experience in supporting all incident ESRD patients.

Cassandra Mejia

Rzeszow University, Poland
Faculty: Grzegorz W. Telega, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Samantha Wilson, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Study: Screening for adverse childhood experiences within pediatric patients in Rzeszow, Poland
Purpose: The purpose of this study was to assess the prevalence ACEs and explore the frequency and experiences of screening for ACEs within a pediatric population in Rzeszów Poland. Specific objectives include: (1) Identifying prevalence of ACEs in the pediatric population seen at Sokrates clinic, Rzeszów, Poland, (2) Assessing whether primary care pediatricians identify or screen for ACEs, and (3) Exploring physician experiences and opinions regarding ACE screening within the following five categories: (1) Provider training and awareness of ACEs, (2) Perception and attitude of screening, (3) Perceived control over screening and intervention, (4) Perceived cultural acceptance of screening, and (5) Perceived social approval of screening.

Jacqueline Powell and John (Jack) McGee

Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal
Faculty: Bipin Thapa, MD, MS, FACP, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Associate Clerkship Director, Department of Medicine and Biraj Karmacharya, PhD, MBBS,MSc, University of Washington Nepal Studies Initiative, Chief of Department of Community Programs at Dhulikhel Hospital Kathmandu University
Study: Adolescent Health Risk and Behavior: a School-based Survey in Central Nepal
Purpose: Determine if health trends exist based on age, gender, caste, and location of adolescents.
Peter Regala
University of Split, Croatia
Faculty: Zeljko Bosnjak PhD, Professor and Vice Chair for Research Anesthesiology and Physiology and Ozren Polasek, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, University of Split, Croatia
Study: Social inequalities in health in Balkan countries: a systematic review
Purpose: Conducted a systematic review to determine the what extent research has been conducted on social inequalities of health across the Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia).

Zachary Telfer
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Faculty: Stephen Hargarten, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Global Health and Harvey Bootsma, PhD, Professor University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee School of Fresh Water Sciences
Study: Quantitative Detection of Schistosoma Cercariae in Lake Malawi via collection of the Intermediate Hosts Bulinus globosus and B. nyassanus
Purpose: The current methods for the detection of Schistosoma spp. in the lake have been shown to underestimate the quantity of infectious cercariae in Lake Malawi and do not reflect the prevalence studies done in the past.

Angeline David
Rzeszow University, Poland
Faculty: Grzegorz Telega, MD, Associate Professor Pediatrics
Study: Newborn Blood Spot Screening: Assessing the level of knowledge of genetic testing among mothers in Rzeszow, Poland
Purpose: The aims of this study are to assess the knowledge gap regarding newborn blood spot screenings in an urban community in Poland with a questionnaire. This will help to identify what measures can be put into place to meet the needs of patients regarding knowledge about newborn screenings.

Summer 2015

Meredith Buck
FUNDA SALVA, El Salvador
Faculty: Julia Dickson-Gomez, PhD, Professor Psychiatry, Center for AIDS Intervention Research
Study: Newborn Blood Spot Screening: Combination HIV prevention strategy implementation in El Salvador: perceived barriers and adaptations reported by outreach educators and supervisors
Purpose: This project specifically examines barriers that educators face in implementing the peer education as designed, how these differ among the subpopulations, and adaptations made as a result.

Joshua Rehberg
Centre for Global Health, Medical School, University of Split, Croatia
Faculty: Zeljko Bosnjak, PhD, Professor Anesthesiology and Ozren Polasek, MD, PhD, Professor of Public Health and Medicine, University of Split, Croatia
Study: Mortality analysis of Croatia’s southern Dalmatian islands
Purpose: Specifically, this study aimed to create morality profiles for the Dalmatian islands of Brač, Hvar, Korčula, Lastovo, Mljet, Šolta, and Vis, and the peninsula of Pelješac, which effectively serves as an island given its isolated geography.

Jaron Smith
Botkin Hospital, Russia
Faculty: Yuri Amirkhanian, PhD, Professor, and Jeffrey A. Kelly, PhD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
Study: Drugs, Docs, and Delays: A qualitative analysis on barriers and facilitators to medical care engagement amongst People Living with HIV in St. Petersburg, Russia
Purpose: Identify common factors that assisted them in engaging in medical care and following their medication regimens, obstacles that prevented them from doing so in the past and currently.

Ashley Jacobson
Rzeszow University, Poland
Faculty: Amy L. Drendel, DO, MS, Associate Professor of Pediatrics; Emergency Medicine, Grzegorz Telega, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Program Director of Liver Transplant Hepatology
Study: An observational study of anxiety experienced by children and their parents in a local hospital in Rzeszów, Poland
Purpose: 1) describe the state anxiety of children and their parents in the pediatric Emergency (ED), General Pediatric, and Orthopedic Departments; 2) evaluate characteristics associated with high state anxiety; and 3) assess the relationship between anxiety and pain.

Jesa Landis
International Organization: Patan Hospital, Nepal
Faculty: Ted MacKinney, MD, MPH, FACP, Associate Professor Medicine
Study: Physical Rehabilitation of Victims from the Nepal 2015 Earthquake
Purpose: To summarize the extent of rehabilitation services that were offered in Nepal following the earthquake, and to qualitatively describe the general care of earthquake victims including: patient characteristics, innovations to rehabilitation care, family involvement in rehabilitation, barriers to care, and impact on providers.

Summer 2014
Allison Bock
International Organization: Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal
Faculty: Dr. Theodore MacKinney
Study: Improving pneumococcal vaccination of medical inpatients using quality improvement measures at Patan Hospital, Nepal
Purpose: The purpose of the study is to measure the baseline pneumococcal vaccination rate of qualifying adult patients discharged from the medical wards and assess reasons for non-vaccination.

Kathan Chintamaneni
International Organization: Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal
Faculty: Dr. Theodore MacKinney
Study: A Trial of Quality Improvement Processes in Outpatient Diabetes Care at Patan Hospital, Nepal
Purpose: The purpose of the QI study is to increase compliance with current quantitative proteinuria testing guidelines set forth by the American Diabetes Association and the UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Brianna McSorley
Hospice Africa Uganda, Uganda
Faculty: Dr. Lauren Wiebe
Study: A Pilot Study Tracking Spiritual Well-Being of Patients at Hospice Africa Uganda
Purpose: The purpose of the study is to assess the feasibility of using the Spirit 3 for tracking spiritual well-being over time spent in hospice care, assess if participation in hospice care would improve patients’ average state of spiritual well-being and to understand how the clinical staff at Hospice Africa Uganda valued the use of the Spirit 3 in clinical practice.

Katie Dobberpuhl
International Organization: University of Split, Croatia
Faculty: Dr. Zeljko Bosnjak
Study: Host Susceptibility of Infants to Cytomegalovirus Infections: A literature review
Purpose: The purpose of the study was to conduct a systematic review aiming to identify genetic polymorphisms that may be responsible for increased susceptibility of cytomegalovirus to newborns and fetuses.

Niketa Kataria
International Organization: University of Rzeszow, Poland
Faculty: Dr. Grzegorz Telega
Study: Evaluation of Health Literacy Regarding Pediatric Burn Prevention in Rzeszow, Poland
Purpose: The purpose of the study is to measure health literacy regarding pediatric burns, a standardized questionnaire is applied to assess understanding of prevention (childproofing), to estimate prevalence of burns in the referral area, and to determine if measures of health literacy correlate with severity and outcomes of burns.
Phoebe Jensen
Malawi Health Department
Faculty: Dr. Stephen Hargarten and Dr. Harvey Bootsma, Associate Professor, School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Study: Assessing the potential to improve the health of Lake Malawi riparian residents through alternative water collection methods
Purpose: Identify practical, low-cost changes in daily methods of water collection that would lead to cleaner water and to be able to provide recommendations to residents and water resource managers about how to collect water in order to reduce the risk of illness due to waterborne pathogens.

Rosalia Mahr
Malawi Health Department
Faculty: Dr. Stephen Hargarten and Dr. Harvey Bootsma, Associate Professor, School of Freshwater Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Study: Generation of qPCR for Schistosomiasis at both a genus and species level: A Literature Review
Purpose: Identify the DNA sequences that can be used to run qPCR assays on samples to amplify present Schistosoma DNA. Both broad-spectrum sequences that are conserved throughout the genus and the more specific sequences that narrow down to the species level will be investigated.

Summer 2013
Kali Johnson
FundaSalva (Government agency for drug prevention and control), El Salvador
Faculty: Dr. Julia Dickson-Gomez
Study: High risk crack use and HIV in El Salvador: A process evaluation of a community-based, multi-level HIV prevention intervention
Purpose: The purpose of this study was to implement and evaluate a community-based, multi-level HIV prevention intervention for crack users in San Salvador

Melanie Bobbs
Hillside Healthcare International, Belize
Faculty: Dr. Jacquelyn Kuzminski
Study: Validating a Need for a Teledermatology Partnership in the Toledo District of Belize
Purpose: To characterize and quantify dermatologic disease presentation, patient characteristics, and disease management by HHCI providers through a retrospective chart review. To better characterize vague or difficult diagnoses and understand where specialty care can be considered and used. To assess the need for a teledermatology partnership between the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and HHCI.

Holly Haberman and Susan Good

Yantalo Peru Foundation, Peru
Faculty: Drs. Paula North & Sue Kehl
Study: Intervention Development: A Review of Medicinal Plants and Common Pesticides Used in the Alto Mayo Region of Peru
Purpose: The goal of this intervention development is to identify commonly used medicinal plants in order to sample them for potential contamination, and to identify commonly used pesticides in the region.

Bryan Johnston

International Organization: Hospice Africa Uganda, Uganda
Faculty: Dr. Lauren Wiebe
Study: Reliability and acceptability of the Jerrycan Pain Scale for patients at Hospice Africa Uganda
Purpose: The purpose was to validate the novel Jerrycan Pain Scale (JPS) against two more commonly used and validated scales, a numerical hand scale (NHS) and the Wong-Baker FACESTM (WBF) scale. Patient preference for pain scales was also investigated.

Kristen Cercone

Hospice Africa Uganda, Uganda
Faculty: Dr. Lauren Wiebe
Study: A pilot student tracking spiritual well-being of patients at Hospice Africa Uganda
Purpose: The purpose was to provide evidence that the Spirit 8 is a feasible tool for longitudinal, quantitative monitoring of the spiritual well-being of patients cared for within HAU and to correlate spiritual well-being as demonstrated by Spirit 8 scores, with time spent on hospice care.

Andrew Mueller and Amy Otuonye
Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal
Faculty: Dr. Theodore MacKinney
Study: Factors Affecting Treatment Outcomes and Control of Diabetes Mellitus: A Review of Quality Improvement Measures at Patan Hospital in Patan, Nepal
Purpose: The primary purpose is to assess the current treatment outcomes and control of diabetes mellitus in patients seen at Patan Hospital. Outcomes include regular check-ups, tests, and exams. The secondary purpose is the introduction of the concept of QI to the faculty, residents, interns, and medical students of Patan Hospital and Patan Academy of Health Science.

Summer 2012

Giang (Natalie) Nguyen
Asian Injury Prevention Foundation, Vietnam
Faculty: Dr. Peter Layde
Study: Intervention Development: A Qualitative Assessment on Road Safety Beliefs, Attitude and Behaviors of Children, Parents, and Families That Are Affected by Road Traffic Injury (RTI)
Purpose: The purpose of this intervention development project is to capture stories of Southern Vietnamese children, parents and family members that were recently affected by road traffic injury.

Dustin Hansen and Ketan Nadkarni
FundaSalva (Government agency for drug prevention and control), El Salvador
Faculty: Drs. Julia Dickson-Gomez and Andy Petroll
Study: High Risk Crack Use Settings in El Salvador: A community-based, multi-level HIV prevention intervention
Purpose: The purpose of this study is to gather preliminary data regarding patients who have entered HIV treatment to determine what factors are associated with poor adherence or failure to remain in medical care for HIV.

Jeff Lurie and Ben Carron
UW-Milwaukee School of Fresh Water Sciences and the WATER Institute
International Organization: Water Authority of the Netherlands, Netherlands
Faculty: Drs. Michael Carvan and David Garman
Study: Examining the benefits and risks of two different drinking water disinfectant systems in Milwaukee and in the Netherlands
Purpose: The purpose of this multidisciplinary study is to examine the advantages and disadvantages of each system as a guide for implementing long-term water purification systems in the developing world.
Kathleen Hannan
Hospice Africa Uganda, Uganda
Faculty: Dr. Lauren Wiebe
Study: An analysis of the jerrycan pain scale for patients at Hospice Africa Uganda
Purpose: The purpose was to validate the novel jerrycan pain scale against the two more commonly used scales: the Wong-Baker FACES™ and a Likert numerical hand scale, in addition the clinician’s observation. The team also sought to determine patient preference among the various pain scales.

Van Nguyen
Asian Injury Prevention Foundation, Vietnam
Faculty: Dr. Peter Layde
Study: An Assessment of the “Helmets for Kids” Program in Vietnam
Purpose: The purpose of this study is to analyze the effectiveness of AIP’s multifaceted Helmets for Kids program in increasing helmet use among children in Vietnam.

Laura Miller
Sixteenth Street Community Health Center Environmental Health Division; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Great Lakes Water Institute
Faculty: Dr. Stephen Hargarten
Study: Stormwater Runoff, Contamination of Recreational Waters, and the Risk of Waterborne Illness in Milwaukee
Purpose: summarize the public health implication of contaminated recreational water in Milwaukee, how fecal contamination occurs, and what local organizations are doing to address this problem. This was achieved by means of a literature review, key informant interviews, and a case study of the Kinnickinnic River watershed.

Sebastian Price
International Learning Center of Neighborhood House of Milwaukee and Zhejiang University School of Public Health Hangzhou, China
Faculty: Dr. Stephen Hargarten
Study: Relationship between the age of menarche and later adult body composition & metabolic risk factors
Purpose: review the first wave of a newly formed database of Chinese health information.