International Occupational Medicine

or

What do I want to be when I grow up?

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Physician Fatigue in the MBA driven US Healthcare system

Do you ever wish you could do what you were trained to do?
Center of Excellence in Occupational Health (OREGON OHSU)

Efforts to establish a Center of Excellence in Occupational Health in Southeast Asia is a first of its kind effort to address occupational health standards, informatics, research, wellness and toxicology in Thailand. This center will allow BDMS and OHSU to be a regional and global trend setter in these important focus areas. A needs assessment was completed in 2015 to comprehensively understand local priorities in SE Asia in occupational health given the rapid growth of industries in Thailand. As a result of this assessment, BDMS and OHSU have decided to conduct trainings in functional capacity evaluations, toxicology, occupational health nursing, industrial hygiene and human health and productivity management. More, as a result of Thailand's robust annual health checkup screenings, OHSU has worked with BDMS to create a web based informatics database to allow for real-time health status feedback to patients as well as comprehensive reports for industries to prioritize workplace health interventions. It is the hope of this Center of Excellence that the lives of thousands of Thai workers will be improved through the enhanced health information collection, analysis and interventions put in place as a result of this collective effort.
Learning about the world can make you smarter!
You can help those with less!

Through an NGO

Or individually
Having fun even when not helping those with less
The Desire to experience another culture

And its adversity
And its food!
You might want to work in a war zone: or not

(I never did)
For Occupational Medicine:
There is so much to do
People Listen to you
And there is a lot less paperwork!
Being a big fish in a small pond

If you want something in your life you've never had, you'll have to do something you've never done. ~ J.D. Houston

- Access
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- You can create many new things
  - The Legacy Syndrome
- You can really save lives, help families
- You can actually see your results
- (You probably won’t get rich)
  - but people may give you money
How to get into International Occupational Medicine
Work for a multinational Employer
Job Description:

Micron is committed to environmental and safety excellence as we strive to be a global leader in memory and storage solutions. As the Global Health and Safety Director, you will be responsible for the successful development and implementation of key initiatives and practices targeted at improving performance, best practices and compliance for Micron Technology, Inc., operations globally. The successful candidate will provide leadership, direction, education, and overall strategic management of the Global Health and Safety team and management systems and initiatives related to occupational health and safety. The Director will provide direction to the site EHS Teams, drive EHS programs and provide technical regulatory guidance/advice to site management and staff regarding company policy, best known methods, and regulatory matters. This position will also work closely with the Global Environmental Director to ensure proper alignment and integration of EHS systems, programs and processes.
Get hooked up with an International Health Care Group

- These companies often wish to expand Occupational Medicine Services in various countries
- And
- Help Multinationals to protect travelling workers
Start a Business Overseas

– Or help your son do it
Work with a foreign government or University
Environmental Medicine and Global Warming are a big thing.... So is food safety

HEAVY METALS IN AGRICULTURE: SOME MAJOR ISSUES

Abstract: The safety and security of food is an area of great concern in Asia and around the world. Heavy metal contamination of food sources and crops such as rice may threaten our health. The sources of contamination are varied, from natural soil composition, to water sources, to industrial or iatrogenic applied chemicals.

Objectives: The discussion will review areas of concern, the scope of the problem. While focused on Asia, other world challenges will be mentioned. Recent studies and data collected in Cambodia will be presented.

Methods: A review of the current world literature will be combined with recent data obtained looking at Arsenic in Cambodia to provide a picture of the scope of the problem.

Results: The attendee will gain some insight into an often under recognized but vital public health issue.

Conclusion: Heavy metals in food and agriculture pose an increasing threat to the safety of our food supply.

Keywords: Heavy Metals, Food Safety, Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead
Or go to a foreign country and wait tables

– They don’t tip in most countries
Barriers

- Laws regarding foreign Licensure
- Language Barriers
- Different cultural expectations
- Lack of equipment or labs/X-ray
- Lack of Specialists
- Lack of reliable drugs
Barriers continued

Folk remedies

Acceptance by local health practitioners
Lack of sufficient revenue
Too much demand
Politics

- Red tape
- Territorialism
- Graft and Corruption
- Jealousy
- The ability to own a business or property
JUST DO IT.