

The second CALS-E pilot course was held in St. Marc, Haiti from April 13-15, 2016. It was a great success.



Twenty-two Haitian physicians and nurses from six different facilities completed the course. They developed expertise in treating all types of serious illnesses and injuries using the CALS universal approach. They impressed us with their eagerness to learn and with their mastery of the curriculum.



The three-day course taught the CALS universal approach to treating problems in cardiology, trauma, general medicine, obstetrics and pediatrics. The students received French language course manuals and plastic reference cards and each group received a gift bag that included King airway tubes, EZ-IO intraosseous drills and needles and Broselow tapes.



Dr. Sterman Toussaint and Dr. Carlyle Schlabach were course directors. Haitian instructors included Dr. Toussaint, Dr. Maudlin Mesadieu and Cynthia Daphnis RN. US instructors included Dr. Schlabach and Pamela Allen PA-C and assistant Charles Bates, ED technician. Mr. Bates and Roberta Brenza served as course technicians



Kari Lappe RN, executive director of CALS and Dana Bies, CALS Administrative Coordinator assisted in the course preparation. Dr. Bruce Dahlman is editor-in-chief of the curriculum.

Dr Cruff Renard, president for Haiti Medical Education Project, and graduate of the University of Haiti Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, provided translation and logistic support.



HME volunteers Dr. Renard, Ms. Brenza, and Frantzces Alabre NP translated course materials into French.



While Port au Prince, Drs. Renard and Schlabach, and Dr. Galit Sacajui, Medical Education Director of HME, met with Dr. Soeurette Delonay, a leader of Medical Education for the Haitian Ministry of Health. She asked HME to develop a plan to train 500 nursing and medical students each year before graduation and assignment to their social service residencies throughout the country. The consensus among the consulted Haitian medical leaders is that this is an

essential strategy for improving emergency medical care throughout Haiti. HME will now develop a plan to increase our capacity to train CALS-E instructors and providers in Haiti. We will seek contributions and grant funding from Rotary International and other funding sources.



We are tentatively planning a third pilot course to be held in Hinche, Haiti August 15-19, 2016. The current plan is to train 24 new providers and 8 new instructors.



Thank you for your support of CALS-E in Haiti. We continue to believe that to train one is to save many lives. To contribute or learn more, visit the website hmeproject.org.

