



THANKYOU FOR ATTENDING THE
13th Annual PGME Global Health Day
Celebrating Global Health Changemakers

The 2026 Annual PGME Global Health Day includes 2011-2026 GHEI graduates who will share their personal, academic and professional trajectories. Since 2009 PGME has led the Global Health Education Initiative (GHEI): a global health program for medical trainees.

Keynote by Dr. Alan Bernstein
Director of Global Health (Immediate past), Oxford University, UK
Global Health: A Time of Crisis or a Time of Opportunity?

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
1:30pm-4:30pm. Via Zoom

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WELCOME!

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Warm welcome to our 13th Annual 2026 Postgraduate Medical Education Global Health Day; “Celebrating Global Health Changemakers.” We appreciate you taking time to attend and consider contributions from colleagues across specialties and programs and advocates across disciplines and generations.

You each will arrive with different understanding of health challenges for local, national and international communities. The day *features* ideas on current and future complex and seemingly unsolvable global and very human world problems. The day *might* also give rise to how, from your specialty *might* contribute to advancing equitable and quality global health for disenfranchised local and global communities.

We will learn from our Keynote speaker, Dr. Allan Bernstein that individual determination, leadership, united with like minded communities of compassionate professionals might transform “a time of crisis to a time of opportunity.”

Our 13th Annual Global Health Day *features* 2009-2026 graduates of the PGME Global Health Education Initiative (GHEI) who represent burgeoning leadership from their fields. Their commitment to global health is exemplary and represents a new generation of leadership which we are grateful to encourage.

The specific educational objectives for participants are to:

- develop a deeper understanding of motivations and processes for effective global health activism
- develop deeper understanding of impact of health on global economics, communities and societies
- encourage participation and engagement in advancing global health
- create a forum for peer to peer discussion, to share global health concern and education
- encourage practice and research on global health
- identify inequities and find strategies to enhance the future of global health

The University of Toronto and the Toronto community represents extraordinary leadership in global health education, research, service and advocacy across disciplines, locally, nationally and internationally. We are grateful to them for their contribution to our PGME GlobalHealth Education Initiative alumni who are presenting today and to our 2026 graduates.

Very sincerely,

Judy Kopelow

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Dr. Barry Pakes

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PROGRAM

1:30pm

Welcome Comments

Introductions and moderated by Dr. John Miro, Oncology Fellow; 2026 GHEI Graduate
Dr. Meredith Guillian, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education
Dr. Barry Pakes, Global Health Academic Lead, Postgraduate Medical Education

1:40pm

Opening Address by Dr. Alan Bernstein

Immediate past Director of Global Health, Oxford University, UK

Global Health: A Time of Crisis or a Time of Opportunity?

2:15pm

Dr. Horia Vulpe, Radiation Oncology, USA; 2015 GHEI Graduate

Building a Humanitarian Program for Ukrainian Refugees with Cancer in Eastern Europe Lessons from the Field

2:30pm

Dr. Peace Ifeoma Amaraegbulam, Orthopedic Surgery, NIGERIA; 2022 GHEI Graduate

Cerebral Palsy Care in Nigeria- A Strenuous Walk to bridge the inequities in disability care.

2:45pm

Dr. Henry Cortes Pradilla Anesthesia, SPAIN; 2023 GHEI Graduate

Compassion Under Pressure: Rethinking Global Anesthesia Beyond Access

3:00pm

Dr. Gayathri Naganathan, Breast Surgical Oncology, CANADA; 2022 GHEI Graduate

Rooted in the Soil, Reaching for the Sun: A journey from early displacement to purpose-driven medicine

3:15pm

BREAK

3:30pm

Dr. Aisha Khatib, Clinical Tropical Medicine, CANADA; 2011 GHEI Graduate

Across Borders and Disciplines: Training and Travel through the Tropics

3:45pm

Dr. Javier Mejia, Maternal Health Care, MEXICO; 2026 GHEI Graduate

Rural to Global and Back to Rural: Challenges in Maternal Health Care

4:00pm

Dr. Naheed Dosani, Palliative Care, CANADA; 2014 GHEI Graduate

Living and Dying on the Streets: Towards Health Justice through Palliative Care

4:15 pm

Dr. Betel Yibrehu, Oncology Surgery, CANADA; 2023 GHEI Graduate

A necessary paradigm shift: Recognizing the surgeon-advocate in academic surgery

4:30pm

Closing Discussion moderated by

Dr. Keshini Abeyewardene, Family Medicine Resident; 2025 GHEI Graduate and

Dr. John Miro, Oncology Fellow; 2026 GHEI Graduate



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We look forward to learning with you!

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Our Annual PGME Global Health Day

The University of Toronto and collaborators, represent extraordinary leadership in global health education, research service and advocacy across disciplines, locally, nationally and internationally.

This Global Health Day showcases many of these leaders and celebrates the accomplishments of our PGME Global Health Education Initiative graduates.

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Acknowledgment of Traditional Land

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates.
For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron
Wendat, the Seneca and, most recently, the Mississauga's of the Credit.

This meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.



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Keynote Address. Dr. Alan Bernstein.

Dr. Bernstein served as Visiting Professor and the founding Director of Global Health at the University of Oxford from 2023-2026. In that role, he launched major initiatives in child and mental health, fungi in human health and disease and in the financing of global health. His role was to encourage interdisciplinary research and strategic approaches to global health across the university. Between 2012-2022, he served as President of CIFAR, bringing together researchers from around the world to address complex issues of importance to science and humanity. In that role, he launched the CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars programs for young investigators, the Global Call for Ideas, and the pan Canadian Strategy for AI. He is the founding President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), where he led the restructuring, increase in funding and transformation of health research in Canada (2000-2007). Between 2008-2011, he was Executive Director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise in New York, an international alliance of funders charged with accelerating HIV vaccine development. Prior to that, his own research interests centred around hematopoiesis and stem cells, retroviruses and cancer.

Dr. Bernstein has received numerous honours for his contributions to science, including 8 honorary degrees, induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, the McLaughlin Medal from the Royal Society of Canada, the Genetics Society of Canada Award of Excellence, and the Henry Friesen International Prize in Health Research. Dr. Bernstein was a member of Canada's Vaccine Task Force, and now serves on Canada's Council of Expert Advisors. He serves on numerous advisory and review boards in Canada and elsewhere. In 2024, he was made a Companion of the Order of Canada for his service to science and science policy.

Dr. Horia Vulpe, Radiation Oncology, USA.

Dr. Vulpe completed medical training at McGill University and residency in radiation oncology at the University of Toronto. He has held positions at Columbia University, The Queen's Cancer Center in Honolulu, and Kaiser Permanente in California. In 2026, he joined Southern Ohio Medical Center as Medical Director of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Vulpe is committed to expanding access to high-quality cancer care for refugees and patients in low- and middle-income countries. Following the outbreak of war in Ukraine in 2022, Dr. Vulpe spent time in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine, where he led an emergency humanitarian cancer care program for refugees fleeing the war. Serving as medical director of the Blue Heron Foundation, he coordinated life-saving treatment for hundreds of Ukrainian patients, organized medical evacuations to the EU, and secured funding for refugee cancer treatments in Moldova. Dr. Vulpe's efforts have been reported in major journals including The Lancet Oncology. He continues to support capacity building, education, and research in the region through grants from the Union for International Cancer Control and the International Cancer Experts Corps.

His contributions have been recognized with the ASCO Global Oncology Young Investigator Award, the Robert Sheppard Award for Health Equity and Social Justice, and Alumnus of the Year honors from both McGill University Faculty of Medicine and the University of Toronto Department of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Vulpe is a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Cancer Policy, King's College, UK.

Dr Peace Ifeoma Amaraegbulam, Orthopedic Surgery, NIGERIA.

Dr. Peace Amaraegbulam is a Paediatric Orthopaedic surgeon at Federal Medical Center, Umuahia, Nigeria and a senior lecturer with Gregory University, Uturu. She had her clinical fellowship at SickKids Toronto in 2021-22 and participated in the GHEI during this period. She cofounded The Straight Child Foundation (TSCF), a nonprofit that is focused on advocacy and improved care for childhood deformities and disabilities.

She has co-authored book chapters and articles on global health as it relates to children and will share the contributions and challenges of TSCF in cerebral palsy care. She likes adventures and believes that tiny contributions from her corner can enhance the massive change at the center.



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Dr. Henry Cortes Pradilla, Anesthesia, SPAIN.

Dr. Henry Cortés Pradilla is a Senior Consultant Anesthesiologist and Interventional Pain Specialist, currently serving as Coordinator of the Chronic Pain Unit at Don Benito–Villanueva de la Serena Hospital (Extremadura Health Service, Spain). In this leadership role, he oversees multidisciplinary programs that integrate interventional pain procedures, regenerative therapies, and palliative care, with a strong focus on innovation, education, and value-based healthcare. Dr. Cortés completed a Clinical Fellowship in Pain Medicine and Transitional Pain Service at Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto, one of the world's leading centers in pain and global health research. He also holds a Master's in Palliative Medicine from the Autonomous University of Madrid, a Master's in Ultrasound-Guided Interventional Pain Medicine from the University of Valencia, and an MBA from the European Business School of Barcelona (ENEB), focused on leadership, team management, coaching, and neuro linguistic programming (NLP). Over the past two decades,

Dr. Cortés has practiced and directed pain and palliative care services in Colombia, Brazil, and Spain, establishing innovative models of multidisciplinary care and training new generations of physicians in interventional pain medicine. His academic contributions include peer-reviewed publications on regenerative pain therapies and palliative care, and his teaching experience spans postgraduate programs in pain medicine and psycho-oncology. Beyond his clinical and academic achievements, Dr. Cortés serves as President of the Board of Fundación Más por Hacer, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of patients with chronic pain through access to palliative care, psychological support, and complementary recreational and social activities not covered by public health systems. The foundation is currently expanding its outreach to underserved communities in Extremadura, Spain.

Dr. Cortés continues to combine clinical excellence, academic leadership, and humanitarian commitment in advancing global pain management and patient-centered care.

Dr. Gayathri Naganathan, Breast Surgical Oncology, CANADA.

With over a decade in qualitative and health services research, Dr. Gayathri Naganathan has specific expertise in working with historically marginalized communities including unhoused, racialized, and immigrant communities. She holds an MSc in Health Services Research from the University of Toronto. She completed her MD at McMaster University and General Surgery residency and Breast Surgical Oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto. She has co-developed global surgery projects with collaborators in Jaffna, Sri Lanka and has presented and published her research in Canadian and international conferences and journals. She was selected as a rising research star by the Center for Ethics at the University of Toronto and invited to present a talk as part of their series titled "Race, Ethics, and Power". Furthermore, she is a respected clinician with focused training and experience in breast surgical oncology including advanced oncoplastic techniques. She is currently supervising undergraduate medical students in research areas including health equity, patient education and quality improvement.

Dr. Aisha Khatib, Clinical Tropical Medicine, CANADA.

Dr. Aisha Khatib is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Division of Public Health, at the University of Toronto. She trained in family medicine at University of Toronto, emergency medicine at McGill University, and completed an infectious diseases fellowship in clinical tropical medicine at the University of Toronto. She holds a certification in travel medicine from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and a DTM&H from the Gorgas Course in Peru, where she now teaches as international faculty for the last five years. She is currently the Clinical Director of Travel Medicine at Medcan, chair of the ASTMH Update Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health, co-chair of the ISTM Professional Education Committee, ISTM Podcast Director of Travel Unravelling: An ISTM Podcast, and she recently became the Director of the Tropmedex courses in Africa. She is also a voting member of CATMAT, an expert advisory body to the Public Health Agency of Canada. Her clinical and academic work focuses on infectious diseases in travelers, climate change impacts on travelers' health, and improving care for migrant and underserved populations.



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Dr. Javier Mejia, Maternal Health Care, MEXICO.

Dr. Javier Cesar Mejia-Gomez is the father of Mario, Sofia and Jonathan. He went to medical school in Mexico and was fortunate to join an elective research program in Dr Judah Folkman's angiogenesis lab at Harvard Medical School. He completed five years of residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Hebrew University, Hadassah Hospital in Israel; a Master's degree in Surgical Sciences at the Institut Curie, in France and the Gynecology-Oncology and Breast Cancer fellowships at the National Cancer Institute of Mexico, in Mexico City. He practiced as a rural Obstetrician and Gynecological Oncologist until he was accepted at the University of Toronto where he applied for a fellowship position during six years in a row until he was finally accepted.

Dr Mejia- Gomez has been at the University of Toronto since 2016 and accomplished a 3-year Gynecology-Oncology fellowship, the Mature Women's Health and Menopause fellowship under the mentorship of Dr Wendy Wolfman and a 1-year research fellowship in Gynecological Health in Breast Cancer. He is also an Alumni of the Princess Margaret Global Oncology Leadership Development Program. Dr Mejia-Gomez is currently a PGY5 in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto and is enrolled in the PGME Global Health Program. He has authored 24 scientific papers on Woman's Health in peer reviewed journals. He is privileged to have accepted a Staff position as a rural OBGYN to serve the Georgian Bay General Hospital. GBGH oversees the communities of Midland, Tiny, Penetanguishene and the First Nations Reserve community of Christian Island.

Dr. Naheed Dosani, Palliative Care, CANADA. As a palliative care physician and health justice activist, Dr. Naheed Dosani is dedicated to advancing equitable access to healthcare for people experiencing structural vulnerabilities like poverty and homelessness. These efforts include founding & leading the Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH) Program at the Inner City Health Associates in downtown Toronto, serving as the Medical Director of Kensington Hospice (Kensington Health), a Health Equity Expert Advisor at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and as a palliative care physician at St. Michael's Hospital (Unity Health Toronto). Dr. Dosani shares his passion for palliative care and health equity with learners as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. As a researcher, he is appointed as an Investigator with the MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions at St Michael's Hospital's Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, with a special interest in health system innovation & advancing access to equity-oriented care for structurally vulnerable populations. As a health systems leader, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. Dosani has received many prestigious honors for his trailblazing work. These awards include the Meritorious Service Cross for Humanitarianism from Canada's Governor General (2018), the Award for Humanitarianism from the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians (2019) and the Early Career Leader Award from the Canadian Medical Association (2020). Most recently, Dr. Dosani received an Honorary Doctorate Degree (Doctor of Laws) from Ontario Tech University (2022), the Dr Earl Dunn Award [for advancing primary care] from the University of Toronto Department of Family & Community Medicine (2024) and the Dr S. Lawrence Librach Award [for excellence and leadership in Palliative Care] from Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (2024). In May of 2025, he was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal, awarded to Canadians whose work strengthens their communities and country.

Dr. Betel Yibrehu, Oncology Surgery, CANADA. Dr. Betel (Betty) Yibrehu is a final year General Surgery resident at the University of Toronto. She obtained her M.D. in the Community and Urban Health Track from The George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C.. Prior to that she studied Global Health at the University of Toronto. During residency she completed a global oncology research fellowship in Nigeria through Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the African Research Group for Oncology. After residency she will be starting a 2 year clinical fellowship in complex general surgical oncology.



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Dr. Iwegim Chinelo	Medical Microbiology
Dr. Matthew Cho	Psychiatry
Dr. Lozano Christopher	Neurosurgery
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Dr. Karla Gonzalez	Palliative Care
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Dr. Peter Kim	General Surgery
Dr. Luke Liu	Family Medicine
Dr. Esraa Mahmoud	Internal Medicine
Dr. Omer Mansoor	Family Medicine
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15E: RESEARCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD: Honoring Memory of Dr. Dominique Vervoort

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16E: COMPLEX HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

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17E: HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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18E: GENDER AND GLOBAL HEALTH

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22E: GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

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23E: SURGICAL SKILLS AND ANESTHESIA FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

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25E: HEALTH ECONOMICS

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PGME Special Global Health Event

2026 PGME GLOBAL HEALTH RESIDENT RESEARCH SHOWCASE

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Dr. Kavanoor Sridhar Kumudhavalli, Medical Microbiology Resident

Dr. Hannah Thomas, Urology Resident

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1. A case of concurrent dengue and Plasmodium vivax malaria in a returned traveler to India: Case report

Author 1. Kumudhavalli Kavanoor Sridhar, Medical Microbiology, PGY4

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2 Ethnic disparities in hospitalization after first-episode psychosis among children and youth in southern Israel

Author 1. Hader Sadeh, Youth Psychiatry, Fellow, CAMH

3. Lifetime Cost-Utility of Endoscopic Versus Open Microdiscectomy for Lumbar Disc Herniation: A Canadian Healthcare Payer Evaluation

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4. Recurrent Pyogenic Cholangitis Unveiling Latent Clonorchiasis in a Filipino Migrant to Canada: Implications for Diagnosis and Management

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Author 2. Keshini Abeyewardene, Family Medicine, PGY2

Author 3. Greg Hawley, Family Medicine, Tropical Disease, Fellow

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5. Assessing the environmental impact of cardiovascular surgeries: a systematic review

Author 1. Mark Velasco, Cardiovascular Anesthesia & Critical Care, Fellow, Toronto General

6. A Blind Spot in Global Health: How Economic Disparity Drives a Misalignment Between Ophthalmology Research and Disease Burden

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research and capacity-building to scale proven eye-care interventions.

7. Immigrant Status and Work Productivity Loss in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Prospective Cohort Study

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Author 3. Parul Tandon, Gastroenterology, Staff

8. The Prevalence of Presbyopia Among Social Safety Net Beneficiaries in Rural Bangladesh: Findings from the Transforming Households with Refraction and Innovative Financial Technology (THRIFT) Trial

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9. Multiple Myeloma Drug Access in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)

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