

Team Leader—Medicine AMPATH Ghana

Job Description

The Organization. Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) Ghana is one partnership within AMPATH Global, a network of universities and academic health centers that collaborate with public sector health systems to ensure essential and equitable health for all people. AMPATH originated with AMPATH Kenya over 30 years ago as a partnership between medical schools at Indiana University in the U.S. and Moi University in Kenya. The AMPATH Consortium has developed and inspired future leaders in healthcare in both North America and Africa, and produced hundreds of published articles—all while successfully responding to healthcare needs in homes, communities, and clinical facilities in western Kenya.

NYU Grossman School of Medicine’s Section for Global Health leads the AMPATH Consortium of academic health centers in the AMPATH Ghana partnership with the University for Development Studies School of Medicine (UDS-SoM), Tamale Teaching Hospital (TTH), and other affiliated institutions in Ghana. AMPATH Ghana leverages the experience of AMPATH Kenya, builds on the strengths of Ghana’s existing healthcare system, and serves as a resource to Ghana’s health and education leaders. This partnership works towards mutually beneficial outcomes for all partners—improving the health and well-being of people in communities in and around Tamale, Ghana; educating tomorrow’s medical experts worldwide; and jointly researching breakthroughs that will inform improvements in population health around the world.

The Role. This position provides clinician-educators and clinician-researchers trained in Internal Medicine the opportunity to contribute to AMPATH Ghana’s tripartite academic mission of care, education and research, with focused attention on meeting the academic goals of this global health collaboration. This is a unique position within the global health space for those interested in broadening their clinical skills, while pursuing initiatives in partnership with Ghanaian colleagues that aim to reduce health care inequities faced by people in the northern part of Ghana and, more broadly, in low- and middle-income countries. The individual will be granted a faculty appointment in the Department of Population Health, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, with an adjunct appointment at UDS-SoM, in Tamale, Ghana.

The Responsibilities.

The below list includes the spectrum of possible activities across the categories of clinical, education, research, and administrative. Specific effort and time allocation across categories and across specific activities will be determined based on the candidate’s interests and experiences, as well as after discussion with AMPATH Ghana leadership (Executive Director, Executive Site Director).

Clinical:

- Participate in inpatient and outpatient activities at TTH and affiliated institutions of UDS-SoM, in discussion with the Head of Department and other faculty/clinical staff (may include ward rounds, inpatient care, operating room, outpatients clinics, on-call duties)
- Contribute to care guidelines/procedures at UDS-SoM, TTH, and affiliated institutions
- Provide input on quality improvement projects, as requested, at UDS-SoM, TTH, and affiliated institutions

Teaching:

- Participate in clinical (inpatient and outpatient) and didactic teaching of Ghanaian students and trainees
- Supervise and mentor visiting AMPATH Consortium medical students and residents (includes written evaluations of students and residents, weekly check-ins throughout their elective experiences, and management of any concerns or trainees in difficulty)
- Coordinate the orientation and scheduling for visiting students, residents, and faculty

Research:

- Assist in development and implementation of Ghanaian trainee research projects
- Supervision and mentorship of AMPATH Consortium student and trainee research projects as needed
- Assist with ongoing implementation and initiation of research projects, as appropriate
- Develop and implement investigator-initiated research projects in line with AMPATH Ghana mission

Administrative/Managerial:

- Provide weekly (including weekend) duty to welcome and orient guests/visitors to the AMPATH Ghana housing compound, scheduled activities, and orientation to all aspects of the AMPATH program. Duties also include being available for any visitor emergencies for all visitors. Weekly schedule will be determined in consultation with the AMPATH Ghana Executive Site Director.
- Participate in grant and manuscript writing as needed

Term of Service.

- July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (dates are flexible), renewable upon mutual agreement by both parties

Candidate Profile.

- Medical School graduate. Internal Medicine residency completed.
- Motivated. Able to work independently.
- Strong interest in global health, social justice and health, and/or disparities in healthcare issues.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, including team management, organizational skills, interpersonal collaboration, communication skills

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Application. To apply, please submit the following to Rajesh Vedanthan, MD MPH.

- Resume/CV
- 1-page cover letter