




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Founded in 1982 as a Christian mission hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, Patan Hospital has evolved into an independent secular hospital with its own Board of Directors. It maintains the values of its founders, providing quality compassionate care to all who come, regardless of religious affiliation or ability to pay. The hospital treats almost 340,650 outpatients and 31,970 inpatients per year. This is accomplished with a balanced budget of \$6.3 million through efficient operations and the contributions of many individuals, church groups and charitable organizations in North America, Europe and Australia. 

New Vice Chancellor for Patan Academy of Health Sciences

Patan Hospital and the medical school associated with it in the Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) were a major news story in Nepal during the past year. It began last August with the expiration of the 4-year term of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arjun Karki. Dr. Karki is a visionary physician who dreamed of starting a medical school and other health professional schools to train and motivate healthcare workers for rural Nepal using Patan Hospital as the clinical site. He then made it happen. After four years of study, aided by an International Advisory Board of 27 prominent professionals from 12 different countries, in 2008 the government of Nepal established the Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS) with the Prime Minister as Chancellor and Dr. Karki as Vice Chancellor for the customary four-year term.

Although there was strong support at PAHS for Dr. Karki to be reappointed to another term, he did not campaign for the position and then -- without any consultation at PAHS -- the Prime Minister



Dr. Jay N. Shah, newly-appointed Vice Chancellor for PAHS.

appointed an unqualified political appointee, Dr. Sangita Bhandary, the first cousin of one of his most important political backers. Her autocratic manner quickly alienated most of the senior staff, and calls for her removal were increased further when -- despite the fact that she had no experience in medical education -- she talked about making major changes in the medical school that would undermine the years of planning. Concern turned to protests that were front-page headlines and

on television. The final result was that the Prime Minister reversed his support of Dr. Bhandary and she eventually was removed from office by a lengthy process that included a decision by the Supreme Court of Nepal.

The Prime Minister then appointed Dr. Jay N. Shah as Vice Chancellor. Dr. Shah has been a surgeon at Patan Hospital for many years and is a Professor of Surgery at PAHS. Educated in China, he is the editor of a medical journal and on the editorial board of several others.

The result of this turmoil is that the mission of PAHS has overcome politics. This has reaffirmed the special status of PAHS, as a highly respected institution in Nepal, and has helped to strengthen the position of those who want to resist the politicization of public institutions in Nepal.

This update is published to keep you informed of current events at and affecting the hospital. Friends of Patan Hospital is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Latest News from Patan

Successful Performance on Basic Science Examination

In December 2012 PAHS's first batch of 3rd year students took the basic science examination which covered the entire two years of basic sciences curriculum. Students who fail this exam cannot continue to study the clinical curriculum, but must wait to take the exam again with batch 2 in a year. Eight external examiners participated in evaluating the theory/practical component. Of the 57 who sat for the exam, 55 passed and 2 failed (they passed the practical/viva but failed theory). The external examiners were satisfied with the students' performance, exam administration and the PAHS's curriculum. The new problem based learning system is succeeding in teaching PAHS's students, and PAHS's faculty are pleased that they are succeeding in implementing the new curriculum

and adapting to the new teaching style.

and ophthalmoscope are needed for the emergency room, and (5) a portable X-ray machine is needed for the emergency room. With help from our donors, FOPH will seek to assist in providing these items.



Members of the first batch 3rd year students are shown with Dr. Rajesh Gongal, Dean of PAHS.

Construction of Pediatric and Orthopedic Block Expansion Continues

Construction is well underway of the new four story building that will accommodate the

Pediatric and Orthopedic wards and which will also provide additional space for the Patan Academy of Health Sciences activities. This work is presently expected to be completed in 2014. It will add an additional 300 beds at Patan Hospital, which will bring the total to 690 beds.

Hospital Staff Identify Capital Needs

A recent review of capital needs at Patan Hospital identified the following items as priorities: (1) 2 ventilators are needed for the ICU, (2) an anesthesia machine is needed for the operating theater, (3) renovation is needed for an elevator in the older part of the hospital, (4) an otoscope



Two views of the construction of the Pediatric and Orthopedic Block Expansion that is scheduled for completion in 2014.



Friends of Patan Hospital Activities

FOPH Increases Charity Care Support

In September of 2012, the Board of Directors of Friends of Patan Hospital increased FOPH's annual donation for charity care at Patan Hospital from \$20,000 to \$25,000. FOPH has donated \$20,000 for charity care in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Support for charity care is an important part of the mission of Patan Hospital, and FOPH's board of directors is committed to Patan Hospital's tradition of providing service to all who seek medical care there, irrespective of the patient's ability to pay for that care. The leaders of Patan Hospital do the best that they can to meet the needs of their patients within the limits of the resources that are available.

A recent example of charity care involved a 35-year-old man who suffered from Tetanus from an injury while cutting logs in the jungle for household purposes. By profession he and his family members are farmers and daily wage laborers. He stayed for 20 days in the Intensive Care Unit and 15 days in the Medical Ward. He had a complete recovery after receiving life-saving treatment provided by Patan Hospital. Another recent example of char-

ity care involved a 9 year old boy who was injured in a hit and run automobile accident while playing with other children on the side of a road. He suffered blunt abdominal trauma and fractures of both legs. His parents were daily wage workers without the resources to pay for medical treatment. He spent 22 days in Patan Hospital, receiving full charity support for his successful treatment. Although families are responsible for providing food for patients, in both these cases meals were provided for the patients by the hospital.

Philips Healthcare Donates Echocardiography Machine

Dr. Bibiana Cujec, a member of the International Advisory Board of PAHS and a professor of medicine at the University of Alberta has arranged for the donation to Patan Hospital of a Philips Sonos 5500 echo machine from the ultrasound division of Philips Healthcare. This machine has a wide range of applications. It will be sent to Patan Hospital in our next Project C.U.R.E. shipment. We appreciate the generosity of Philips Healthcare.

Project C.U.R.E. Shipment

FOPH and Project C.U.R.E. delivered another shipment of needed medical supplies and equipment for use at Patan Hospital and Okhaldhunga Community Hospital. For \$21,459 FOPH was able to send approximately \$400,000 worth of supplies and equipment to Kathmandu, of which because



Dr. Aaron Mansfield received the Tow Tan Humanism in Medicine Award. With him is Dr. Alex Wolanskyj, director of the hematology program at the Mayo Clinic.

of designated donations, about 15% are for use at Okhaldhunga Community Hospital. FOPH is reimbursed for costs associated with shipments to Okhaldhunga. Coordination of this work was handled by FOPH board of director Dr. Rebecca Mashburn, who assured that the proper items are included in these shipments.

Dr. Aaron Mansfield Honored for Work in Nepal

FOPH Director Dr. Aaron Mansfield received the Tow Tan Humanism in Medicine Award at the Mayo Clinic in May of 2013 in recognition of his work at Patan Hospital. Dr. Mansfield worked with the medical staff at Patan Hospital in publishing a study on how safe it is to use Gleevec in a developing country for the treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia. He also obtained equipment, including two fluorescent microscopes from the Mayo Clinic, to establish a cytogenetics lab and trained pathologists at Patan Hospital in the use of this equipment. Dr. Mansfield recently accepted a position as an Assistant Professor and staff member with the thoracic oncology group at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.



A charity care patient at Patan Hospital recovering from a hit and run automobile accident.



Living Kathmandu - The View from Patan Hospital

Living Kathmandu - The View from Patan Hospital by photojournalist and author Erlend Berge was published in September 2012, and copies have been sent to FOPH donors. This book describes in vivid detail a day in the life of Patan Hospital through pictures of newborns, patients, concerned family members, and hospital staff. Copies may be purchased for \$35 by contacting FOPH.

Mayo International Health Program Physicians Serve at Patan Hospital

For the past few years residents at the Mayo Clinic have served training rotations at Patan Hospital as a part of the Mayo International Health Program (MIHP). This past year six Mayo residents completed rotations at Patan Hospital. They recommended Patan Hospital for training in specialties in: Internal Medicine, Ob-Gyn, Emergency, Surgery, Pulmonology and Infectious Diseases. The positive reaction of the MIHP residents who have come to Patan Hospital is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the staff at Patan Hospital. As stated by one of the MIHP residents, "The one remarkable thing about the physicians I worked with in Patan Hospital is that they are all there because of they love what they do. It is not the financial incentive of medical practice that attracts them to the kind of work that they do."

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