Practicum Opportunity
Designing and Implementing a Study of Children Treated for Clubfoot

MiracleFeet Overview

MiracleFeet is an international nonprofit organization that increases access to proper treatment for children born with clubfoot in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) through partnerships with local healthcare providers. There are over one million people living with untreated clubfoot, making it one of the primary causes of physical disability in the world. Since our inception, we have supported the treatment of over 25,000 children in 21 low and middle income countries through over 185 partner clinics. We utilize the Ponseti Method (non-invasive, gold standard of treatment involving serial casting and bracing), which makes it possible to treat clubfoot effectively and safely for as little as $250 a person. By increasing access to treatment, MiracleFeet gives children born with clubfoot the chance live active, healthy, and productive lives. MiracleFeet aims to reach 100,000 children by 2022, with a mission of working to eradicating the disability associated with clubfoot globally. See www.miraclefeet.org to learn more about the issue of clubfoot and how MiracleFeet is approaching it.

Summary

Clubfoot treatment through the Ponseti Method takes 4-5 years. As MiracleFeet is a young organization, only beginning work in 2010, the first small cohorts of patients have just finished treatment. MiracleFeet seeks to undertake a study of children treated for clubfoot who have completed treatment in order to understand outcomes. The project involves designing a survey tool, establishing a list of interview candidates, and planning an implementation strategy. This work will inform future programming, monitoring and evaluation practices, and follow-up strategies with patients.

This position reports to the Research, Evaluation and Operations Manager and works closely with the Deputy Director of Programs.

Responsibilities

- Using existing medical and non-medical survey tools, design a comprehensive yet simple survey that can be administered by non-medical professionals in low-resource, low-income, and low-connectivity settings
- Using existing data, establish a list of interview candidates and their last known address
- Design a strategy for implementation including making a training for layperson interviewers, creating a database for data collection, and planning the timeline for roll-out.

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Skills and Experiences You Will Develop

- Survey design and implementation
- Data analysis
- Insight and experience at a well-connected global nonprofit
- Evaluation in global health, especially in low-resource settings
- Contribution to an in-country program

Location, Timing and Funding

This practicum must be completed during the spring and/or summer 2018 semester. This practicum can be undertaken remotely and done during or outside MiracleFeet work hours. Space is available at the MiracleFeet office in Chapel Hill, NC for the student to work at the office. The student is expected to keep track of her/his hours and to submit these hours on a weekly basis. This practicum is unfunded. The student will receive authorship as appropriate on any publication that may follow this project.

Requirements

- Must have at least one semester of credits towards a masters degree, or hold a terminal degree in a health-related field
- Must be fluent in spoken and written English
- Must have frequent access to:
  o a computer
  o high-speed internet
  o a university library

How to Apply

Send a resume and brief description of interest and applicable skills (<300 words) to Christie Pettitt-Schieber at christie.pettitt-schieber@miraclefeet.org.