

# Medical Education

Zanmi Lasante's (ZL) commitment to quality health care is paired with an equally strong devotion to investing in the training of clinical providers across its 15 health facilities. With less than one health provider per 1,000 individuals, when the recommended ratio is 4.5, Haiti struggles from a lack of formally trained health professionals. Currently, Haiti has only 14.22% of the necessary health care providers. Additionally, aspiring Haitian doctors and nurses are often drawn to programs outside of the country, where they stay once their education is complete. The medical education program at ZL strives to educate aspiring clinicians, while also encouraging them to practice in Haiti through valuable placements and continued education.

## PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Internal Medicine
- General Surgery
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Emergency Medicine
- Neurology Fellowship
- Nurse Anesthesia Fellowship
- Point of Care Emergency Ultrasound Fellowship

## IMPACT

**27 classes** graduated for a total of **124 graduates**

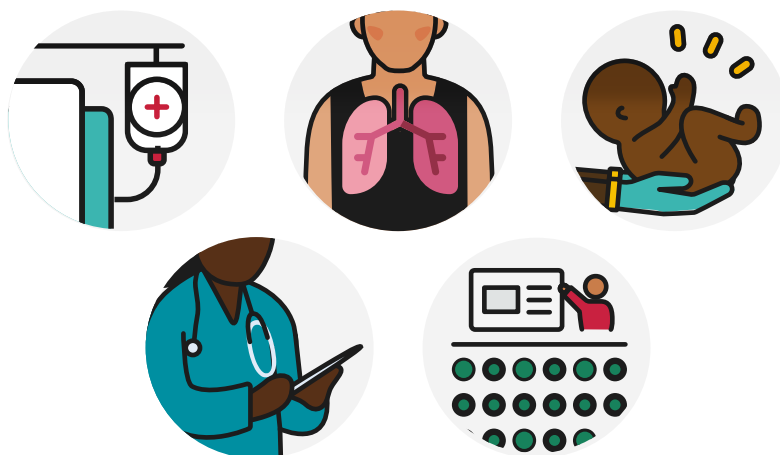
**116 residents** currently enrolled in the medical education program

**98% of graduates** continue to work in Haiti, with **almost 88%** remaining at ZL facilities

The first facility in a low- and middle-income country to receive **ACGME-I accreditation**, affirming that the hospital meets the **highest global standards** as a teaching institution

## PROGRAM HISTORY

Since 2012, ZL has worked in partnership with the School of Medicine and Pharmacy, and the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) to launch six residency and three fellowship programs. Through these programs at University Hospital in Mirebalais and Saint-Nicolas Hospital in Saint-Marc, ZL aims to increase the number of trained physicians and nurses within Haiti.



### History of the Medical Education Program

MSPP requested that ZL expand its medical program to meet health care needs in the country. This resulted in the medical education program, which began with Family Medicine at Saint-Nicolas Hospital in Saint-Marc, in 2012. The medical education program then expanded further when Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM) opened in 2013. That same year, residencies in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Surgery were launched. In 2014, residency programs in Emergency and OB/GYN were added, along with a fellowship program in Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. In 2015, a Neurology fellowship program was added and in 2018, a Plastic Surgery fellowship program was launched. In November 2020, a fellowship in Point of Care Emergency Ultrasound was added.

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## GLOBAL ACCREDITATION FOR HÔPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE DE MIREBALAIS (HUM)

In 2020, HUM achieved Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME-I), the international arm of the U.S.-based Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. University Hospital joins internationally accredited facilities in just seven other countries and is the first such facility in the Western Hemisphere, and the first in a low-income country. This not only further validates the quality of the Medical Education program, but opens up opportunities for residents to continue their education and bring additional resources to University Hospital.



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## STRENGTHENING HAITI'S EMERGENCY CARE

Dr. Philippe Dimitri Henrys grew up in Hinche and when the earthquake struck, he was in medical school at Université Notre Dame d'Haïti. He assisted people who were injured and witnessed firsthand the critical shortage of emergency care in Haiti. Dr. Henrys' experience played a huge role in his decision to become an emergency physician. He completed the 3-year emergency residency program at Hôpital Univesitaire de Mirebalais and is now working at one of ZL's supported sites, l'Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse de Hinche.



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