

PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

The PAACS is a strategic rural-based training program, offering a Christ-centered, five-year residency program certified by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Candidates must be African graduates of recognized medical schools and be unashamed followers of Jesus Christ. Those who are admitted undergo training at one of several well-established Christian hospitals in Africa, under the direction of experienced, board-certified surgeons. The training program includes clinical and academic study, spiritual and ethical training, a systematic study program of major current surgical textbooks, monthly written case reports or research projects, operative log-books, weekly teaching conferences, direct supervision of preoperative and post-operative care, hands-on training in the operating room under supervision of board-certified surgeons, opportunities to attend medical and surgical conferences and yearly in-service examinations. Residents also undergo a study of systematic theology and the Bible to become leaders in their church and their medical communities.



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Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons

*A General Surgery Training
Program bringing together
Christians from around the
world to train African
physicians in Africa
for Africa*



**"He sent them out to preach the
kingdom of God and to heal the
sick"
Luke 9:2**



Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons

Few African countries have enough surgeons to care for their poor and middle classes. Every year, countless thousands of Africans suffer and die from physical problems that could be rectified through surgery. Most Africans are unable to receive even the most basic surgical care. This dearth of surgeons in Africa is becoming more acute every year.



Bedside teaching and evangelism is a vital part of the curriculum.

A valiant corps of missionary surgeons is trying to help respond to Africa's staggering medical needs but they are overwhelmed by the endless caseload.

And their number decreases each year through retirement and other attrition.

The Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) was created to respond to this increasingly dire need, to provide African surgeons to offer physical healing and spiritual hope in Jesus' name to Africa's sick and suffering. The training takes place in mission hospitals, offering a wide range of surgical experience together with real-life challenges. Furthermore, this training in Africa is cost effective and avoids Africa's "brain drain" of so many of its brightest youth leaving to study in Europe or North America — and never returning.

On average, Africa has only one surgeon of any kind for every 250,000 people. In many areas where PAACS and its graduates work, there is only one surgeon for 2.5 million souls.

Interested in being a short-term faculty member?

You can help train the African surgeons of tomorrow by being a volunteer short-term visiting faculty member at one or more of our training centers and serving at your own expense. If you are a board-certified surgeon, anesthesiologist, pathologist, radiologist or gastroenterologist and also a serious follower of Jesus Christ, we would love for you to come for two weeks to two months (or more) to contribute to the training of our residents. You would be asked to provide two to four lectures each week for the residents and to work with them in the area of your specialty. Please contact us if this is of interest to you.

Interested in becoming a program director?

We are also looking for those few special men and women who would like to become a program director. This would require a commitment of at least five years. If you love to teach and have the desire to leave a lasting legacy, please contact us.

Interested in helping financially?

1. You can help support an African resident in training. Few African doctors wishing to become surgeons can afford the training without outside support. The PAACS wants to enable every qualified African doctor who wants to serve Jesus Christ through surgery to receive the training he



PAACS adapts the latest surgical thinking to the realities of the developing world environment.

or she needs. Dependent on family status and location, an entire year of support for an African surgery resident averages only \$17,000. For the price of keeping one North American missionary on the field for one year, PAACS can train a surgeon who will stay and serve for a lifetime.

2. Any sized gift to help cover administrative costs, travel costs, textbook and communication costs are vital to the successful operation of the program.

Tax-deductible gifts made out to "PAACS" may be given on the web through the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (www.cmda.org) or sent by mail (PAACS, PO Box 9906, Fayetteville, NC 28311-9906).



Dozens of mission hospitals are on the edge of closing permanently because of the lack of a surgeon and many times are hindered by the lack of insufficient surgical help.

The number of missionary surgeons coming from North America and Europe is dwindling each year.

Many African physicians understand those realities and want to become surgeons. PAACS is an answer to prayer for those hospitals and for those physicians.

Will you help?