

Impacting Women's and Children's Health Care Globally- A United State-Haiti Nursing Partnership.

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The Magnet® Vision: Magnet® organizations will serve as the *fount of knowledge and expertise for the delivery of nursing care globally*. They will be solidly grounded in core Magnet principles, flexible, and constantly striving for discovery and innovation. They will lead the reformation of health care; the discipline of nursing; and the care of the patient, family, and community.

The Commission on Magnet Recognition, 2008

GOAL

Create a partnership for education and professional development between LVHN nurses and nurses in a developing country.



ENGAGING IN PARTNERSHIP

- Visits
 - 6 since 2014
- LVHN support
 - Philanthropic funds for travel and lodging
 - Paid time off
- Team Members
 - Initially, nurses, 3 per visit
 - Now, interprofessional team, including physicians
- Evolving clinical focus
 - Consistent relationships for enhanced maternal child health



OUTCOMES

- In-services & continuing education
- Focus on designated World Health Organization “Baby Friendly” initiatives
- Staff and patient education materials
- Funds and donations for supplies and pediatric respite care
- Blood bank prompted by and to support maternal hemorrhage
- Published manuscript – Empowering nurses to transform health care globally: A United States-Haiti nursing partnership. *American Nurse Today, February 2017, Vol. 12 No.2*

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

No published literature was located describing enduring partnerships between nurses in the US and developing countries.

OUR NURSING PARTNER

The Hopital Convention Baptiste d'Haiti (HCBH)

- Maternity & Pediatric Care
- Neonatal Care
- Medical-Surgical Care
- Perioperative Services
- Emergency Care



CHALLENGES

- Language barrier – interpreters required
- Interruptions in electricity
- Sporadic internet
- Oppressive heat without air conditioning
- Limited resources

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