Founded in 2006, the Office of Global Health of The OSU College of Medicine serves as a resource for medical students, residents, faculty and staff interested in global health issues and opportunities. This office directs the Global Health Education Program for medical students in which 60 to 70 medical students complete an international elective each year in developing countries. In the 2011-12 academic year alone, fourth-year medical students completed 59 global health electives in 21 countries. Since 2006, over 300 medical students have completed global health rotations, engaging in service learning in over 25 low and middle income countries around the world. Dr. Daniel Sedmak serves as its director. The administrative director is Pamela Potter and the manager for global health electives is Jessica Small.

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