**To CVCSCCM**

From November 7th to 8th, 2023, members of CVCSCCM deployed their annual global outreach of teaching the Fundamentals of Critical Care Support Course at the University Teaching Hospital of Butare (CHUB). CHUB is the first teaching hospital in Rwanda, in Huye District in the Southern Province of Rwanda. Established in 1928, it is a referral hospital for 14 district hospitals and provides services for over 4 million people.

The SCCM members implemented the course to 25 providers: trauma and emergency nurses, critical care nurses, anesthesia resident doctors, medical students, and nurse anesthetists. The participants received this course well and demonstrated a high level of engagement and significant improvement from their pre-FCCS test to their post-FCCS test. The need to empower and strengthen critical care infrastructure is huge at CHUB.

The chapter plans to continue this endeavor at Butare moving forward and welcomes your engagement and financial contribution to the chapter's global outreach endeavors.  Members on this trip included physicians, respiratory therapists, and an advanced practice provider: Dr. Katherine McBride, Dr. Aamer Syed, Eugene Asare, Dr. Ehab Hussein, Dr. Fatima Diaban, and Dr. Kwame Akuamoah-Boateng.

Your financial contribution to CVCSCCM's global outreach endeavors makes this possible. If you would like to be involved in future work at Butare, please email Dr. Katherine McBride @  [katherinemcbride@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemcbride@gmail.com) or Dr. Aamer Syed @ [aamer.syed@vcuhealth.org](mailto:aamer.syed@vcuhealth.org)

During this trip, the team met with the leadership at CHUB, including the Acting Director General, Dr. Christian Ngarambe, and Dr. Jules Ndoli Minega, expressing the necessity of supporting critical care education and skills for their multidisciplinary clinicians. The leadership and participants expressed how they view this course as a cutting-edge course to improve care delivery and patient outcomes. They ask for consistent annual FCCS and incorporate more bedside training and partnership. Below are some testimonies from the participants.

**Testimonies:**

I take this opportunity to thank you personally and the whole team for the interesting training on the Fundamentals of Critical Care Support course. I have enjoyed the course even if the time was limited. I wish to be apart to this kind team. I promise to be a good ambassador for SCCM while implementing the gained knowledge in my daily care of patients in accident and Emergency departments.

Wish to meet you soon in the next session or the course.

Thank you.

**From Dr. Jacqueline Nyirabitabo**

Dear team, it is with great pleasure that I submit my insight on the FCCS training we had. The training was much more helpful and enjoyable in both aspects (theory and simulation). Secondly, It has revamped and enhanced our school and work experience in terms of knowledge and skills. Thirdly, I suggest that this important training should be conducted annually to equip more staff with these paramount skills and knowledge to improve healthcare service delivery and outcomes.

**From: Dr. Uwamariya Providence**

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Kwame Akuamoah-Boateng, DNP, AG-ACNP-BC, FCCM and team