Rhode Island may be small in size, but it continues to have a major impact on the health of people around the world. In this special Global Health issue of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal* (RIMJ), we present nine articles on innovative research, training, and advocacy projects led by Rhode Island physicians and students that span five continents.

In the spirit of “think globally, act locally,” ODETTE ZERO, et al. describe the ongoing work of the Brown Human Rights Asylum Clinic to provide pro bono medical affidavits for asylum seekers in Rhode Island, supporting their claims of torture or violence in their home countries.

Africa
A series of articles focus on projects in sub-Saharan Africa. AMITA KULKARNI, et al. describe a unique collaboration between Women and Infants Hospital at Brown University and Kibagabaga Hospital in Rwanda to improve management of obstetric fistula, a common and debilitating diagnosis for tens of thousands of women who lack access to emergency obstetric care. ALISON HAYWARD, et al. report on a survey conducted by Brown faculty in collaboration with the local Uganda Village Project in rural eastern Uganda to determine the unmet need for modern contraception. LINDSAY DREIZLER, et al. report the preliminary results of Project ECHO, a novel tele-mentoring program training health care providers in rural Kenya in point-of-care ultrasound techniques. And STEPHANIE C. GARBERN, et al. describe efforts to build emergency care research capacity at Rwanda’s main government referral hospital.

Asia
In South Asia, MONIQUE GAINEY, et al. report on novel research conducted by Brown faculty with local colleagues at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh, on the development of new mobile health decision support tools for managing dehydration from cholera and other severe diarrheal diseases.

Latin America
In Latin America, KATELYN MORETTI, et al. describe the rollout of the World Health Organization’s Basic Emergency Care training in rural Colombia, as well as their new projects related to the care of recently arriving Venezuelan refugees and Colombian citizens internally displaced by decades of conflict. And NEESHA NAMA, et al. report on a bilateral, trainee-driven medical exchange program between Rhode Island Hospital and Hospital Regional Universitario José María Cabral y Báez in the Dominican Republic.

Global
Members of the Brown faculty are also fighting multi-drug resistant TB all around the globe. The article by DARIO SZKWARCO, et al. relates the details of efforts to confront the threat in Peru, Kenya, and Ukraine. These physicians are working on efforts to improve case detection rates and reduce drug resistance through broadened access to diagnostics and treatment.

The articles included in this Global Health special issue present just a few of the multitude of ongoing collaborations between Rhode Island physicians and colleagues based around the world to improve the care of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations. Little Rhody certainly has much to be proud of on the global stage.

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