

## BEGINNING SPEAKERS:

October 5 – November 1, 2003, and February 1 – 28, 2004

# **INTERHEALTH SOUTH AMERICA**

**STUDY TOUR AND PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH  
AND MEDICAL SPANISH FOR 4TH YEAR MEDICAL  
STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, AND PRACTICING PHYSICIANS**

## **ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA**

The Interhealth South America beginning speakers' program is a study tour introduction to Ecuadorian and South American primary and community health care, integrated with immersion medical Spanish language instruction for fourth year medical students, primary care residents, and practicing physicians. For the first week of the program participants live with Ecuadorian families while participating in orientation activities and language study. During the middle two weeks the group visits rural healthcare facilities in the Andes Mountains and upper Amazon River basin rain forest. In the final week community service education opportunities are provided, with language instruction continuing on a more individual level. The language portion of the program emphasizes medical vocabulary acquisition and use for beginning Spanish speakers. Directors are North American physicians who remain in Ecuador with participants the entire period of the program. Program components include:

- \* Seminar introduction to healthcare provision in South America
- \* Observation of primary and community healthcare programs
- \* Tours of Andes Mountain and upper Amazon River basin rain forest sites demonstrating a variety of natural environments
- \* Beginning level medical Spanish language instruction
- \* Interactive introduction to medical interviewing in Spanish
- \* Participation in health brigades and a group community service project
- \* Family homestay

### **PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:**

1. Completion of at least third year of medical school
2. Interest in taking part in international education programs in a group context
3. No previous study of Spanish language required

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## **ADVANCED BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE SPEAKERS:**

October 8 – November 1, 2003; and February 4 – 28, 2004

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## **ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA**

The Interhealth South America advanced beginner/intermediate speakers' program is a study tour introduction to Ecuadorian and South American primary and community health care, combined with a clinical practicum and medical Spanish immersion experience for fourth year medical students, primary care residents, and practicing physicians. During the first 1½ weeks of the program the group visits urban and rural health facilities in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador while studying medical Spanish under the guidance of physician program directors. For the final two weeks participants work in clinics and hospitals on a more individual basis while continuing language instruction. The language portion of the program emphasizes medical vocabulary acquisition and use, and patient interviewing skills development at an advanced beginner/intermediate speaking level. Directors are North American physicians who remain in Ecuador with participants the entire period of the program. Program components include:

- \* Individual clinical practicum
- \* Seminar introduction to healthcare provision in South America
- \* Group visits to primary and community healthcare programs
- \* Tours of Andes Mountains sites demonstrating a variety of natural environments
- \* Advanced beginner/intermediate level medical Spanish language instruction
- \* Interactive introduction to medical interviewing in Spanish

### **PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:**

1. Completion of at least third year of medical school
2. Interest in taking part in international education programs in a group context
3. Spanish language speaking ability at an advanced beginner level or better

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