The UCLA Center for World Health has established strong relationships with the Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM) School of Medicine, and with the faculty leadership at the Central Hospital of Maputo, the primary medical school and teaching hospital in the country. Mozambique, a former Portuguese colony, has over 10 million children, and some of the highest neonatal and childhood mortality rates in sub-Saharan Africa. It is estimated that 70% of the population falls below the poverty level. There is a huge shortage of physicians, with less than 50 pediatricians, few pediatric subspecialists, and two pediatric surgeons serving the entire country.

We are pleased to offer a clinical rotation in Pediatrics in Mozambique for two senior medical students in the spring of 2015. This global health elective will provide broad exposure in the delivery of care to an extremely underserved pediatric population at this referral center. The major emphasis of this rotation will be in the inpatient setting at the 1500 bed Central Hospital, with additional opportunities to work in ambulatory settings. Students may rotate on the pediatric infectious diseases ward, on the malnutrition ward and on the general pediatrics service, gaining broad exposure to such medical problems as HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis, diarrhea and dehydration, marasmus, kwashiorkor and malaria. In addition, students will have opportunities to learn more about medical education and the health care delivery system in Mozambique.

While in Mozambique, students will be supervised by UEM pediatric faculty at Central Hospital of Maputo, and will have opportunities to work as well with pediatric residents and medical students from UEM.

The rotation in Mozambique has been developed with formal goals and objectives. We are seeking students with an interest in caring for underserved populations, and those with enthusiasm for global health, HIV, infectious diseases, and health service delivery in resource poor settings. Students will be expected to demonstrate the highest level of maturity, professionalism, and cultural sensitivity. While proficiency in Portuguese is ideal, it is not required for this rotation; however, students must have at least conversational Spanish skills in order to participate in this elective.

Interviews for the elective will take place on November 1, 2014, with a few additional time slots the week prior to that. Students selected for this rotation are required to participate in a full day pre-departure training program in Los Angeles on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Upon return home from Malawi, students will be expected to provide feedback through written evaluation forms, and to participate in a lunchtime feedback session on June 4, 2015.

Students will receive $2,500 of support for the Mozambique clinical rotation. These funds are awarded to contribute to the costs of roundtrip airfare and in-country accommodation and food. Students will need to cover the remaining expenses from other funds, as the cost of this rotation will exceed the amount provided by the Center for World Health.

Rotation dates for this elective have been confirmed. **Students applying to this elective must be able to commit to this elective from March 30, 2015 through April 17, 2015.** Note that a March 30 start date will require departure from the U.S. by March 27, 2015 at the latest.

Questions regarding this rotation should be directed to Dr. Traci Wells at twells@mednet.ucla.edu. Thank you for your interest in this clinical opportunity in Mozambique!