## AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) Delegation Trip Overview

Country	Dominican Republic
Delegation Dates	February 15 - 22, 2025 (includes <u>travel</u> dates
Costs	\$2,200 (Delegation fee only. Does not include airfare to and from the Dominican Republic)
Trip Parameters	Volunteers: FMCI is seeking AAFP member family physicians with a passion to improve the lives of those in need. Medical specialists and non-clinicians are welcome to join the delegation.  Number of delegates on trip: Maximum 22 – Total delegates will be a mixture of family physicians (may include up to 5 residents), non-clinicians, other medical specialists, and staff. Slots are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Once slots are filled, interested participants will go on a waiting list.  Passport: You must have a passport that is valid through September 2025.  Delegation costs include the following amenities in the Dominican Republic: Group housing, all delegation meals, ground transportation, emergency medical and travel insurance, registration with the Dominican Ministry of Health and the US Embassy, interpreters, tips, and taxes. Our delegation fee also helps support patient follow-up care from local physicians and medications for primary care patients.  Delegation costs do not include the following: airfare to and from city of origin, single-occupancy accommodations, passport fees, personal immunizations, phone or laundry charges, private transportation/interpreters, personal spending money, and/or items of a purely personal nature.  Travel to and from the Dominican Republic: All volunteers are responsible for coordinating their own travel between their city of origin and Santo Domingo Las Americas International Airport, Dominican Republic. The AAFP Foundation works with our Dominican Republic partner to help secure travel arrangements with humanitarian fares. It is suggested volunteers use this travel service to secure the best fares, travel times and to coordinate their flight schedule. Note: Estimated airfare, depending on the city of origin, can be between \$400 and \$1400.  Trip logistic information: All selected FMCI delegation members will receive an information travel packet from our Dominican Republic partner, One World Surgery, with more detailed information prior to the trip.
Application	<ul> <li>FMCI Resident Scholarship Application: June 1 – August 31, 2024         <a href="https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/320/home">https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/320/home</a> </li> <li>General volunteer application period: June 1 – September 30, 2024         <a href="https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/319/home">https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/319/home</a> </li> </ul>
Payment Deadlines	September 30, 2024: \$500 refundable deposit for general volunteers only. FMCI Resident Scholarship applicants do not need to pay a deposit at the time of their application.  February 10, 2025: \$1,700 trip balance.  Please use <a href="https://www.aafpfoundation.org/donate.html">https://www.aafpfoundation.org/donate.html</a> to pay for your delegation costs related to this project. Note "Delegation Contributions" in the designation box on the donation page. Delegation costs are considered contributions to the AAFP Foundation.
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