



Medical training often has limited time to focus on clinical dermatological skills. In Cambodia, the *Clinical Dermatological Training Programme* was established to provide recent medical school graduates with specialised dermatological training. The programme supports residents develop the necessary skills to deliver quality dermatological care to patients in rural areas.

A key feature of the programme is that the residents not only receive training in their home country but also have the opportunity to study abroad. This offers them a more comprehensive learning experience, as well as the opportunity to enhance their practical skills in different settings.

Four residents completed the programme in 2018, finished their National Service Exams and started their posts in the provinces.

In 2019, the programme will include 10 residents and expand to include Dermatopathology and Dermato-surgical training. Residents will also be able to undertake training in France, Singapore and Germany.

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Why

To improve knowledge about clinical dermatology among newly qualified doctors in Cambodia.

To improve the provision of clinical dermatological support to members of under-served communities in Cambodia.

“I had learned how to perform skin smear, prick test, patch test. Skin prick test and patch test are not available in Cambodia yet so these are something that are considered new to me.”

How

Specialised, practical dermatological training was provided to recently graduated Cambodian residents.

Residents were also taught how to start a dermatological department from the ground-up.

In addition to their home country, residents also received dermatological practical training in Vietnam and Indonesia as part of the residency programme.

“I have gained a lot of experiences in my clinical practice. I can build up my capacity and confidence to provide good skin care and effective treatment to all my patients.”



What happened

4 residents participated in this international residency programme in 2018.

Residents gained enhanced knowledge of tropical skin conditions, including leprosy.

All the residents passed their National Service Examinations in November 2018.

The residents had the opportunity to present cases they had worked on during their rotations at a Tropical Dermatology Seminar held together with the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), attended by 120 delegates.

An international network of dermatologists has been established to improve information and instruction about dermatological care across borders.

The residency rotation programme is being expanded in 2019 to include Singapore, France and Germany.