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ApolloMD Physicians Join Haiti Relief Effort

In the wake of the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, ApolloMD physicians have sprung into action and are among the American volunteers traveling to Port-au-Prince to offer aid. With the capital city demolished, including the collapse of several major hospitals, international aid is crucial, and ApolloMD physicians are committed to doing everything they can to help.

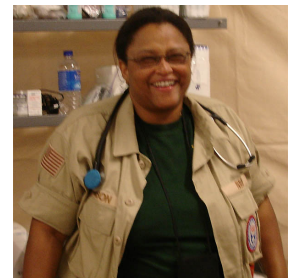
Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, or DMATs, operating under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are groups designed to provide clinical care in a disaster or other mass casualty situation, referred to as an Incident of National Significance, or INS. Intense training is required for both medical and non-medical DMAT personnel, including appropriate certifications and licensure within the specialty. DMATs, much like the military reserves in their operation, deploy to the site where they construct a mobile hospital, a self-sufficient structure through which they are able to process patients.

Several ApolloMD physician partners are employed by DMATs across the country. Some, like Dr. Neil Yoder of OH-1 DMAT, are awaiting word as to whether their traditionally domestic teams will be deployed to Haiti. Others, including Dr. Latresia Ann Wilson of Florida, have already been called for deployment and are currently preparing for the tasking, yet undeniably rewarding, trip to Haiti.

Latresia Ann Wilson, MD, PhD

Board Certified, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Wilson joined ApolloMD in 2009 to practice at Wuesthoff Medical Center in Melbourne, Florida, and brings extensive experience from diverse clinical settings across the Southeastern US. With both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia, a Medical Degree from the University of California, and a doctorate from the University of Florida, Dr. Wilson is a great asset to the ApolloMD team.



Dr. Wilson in DMAT uniform.

Seven years ago, Dr. Wilson joined the Northeast Florida DMAT, or FL-4, a team with roots in Jacksonville. Having participated in several DMAT missions including Hurricane Ike, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Wilson is highly experienced in catastrophic situations and has served as Medical Director for her team. With roots in Jacksonville, her team of over 30 employees is currently preparing for their deployment to Haiti on Saturday, January 23.

The road to recovery in Haiti will be a long one. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the recent earthquake, and we wish safe travels and best of luck to Dr. Wilson, FL-4 DMAT, and all others who will be traveling to Port-au-Prince to offer aid.