

What is the Brown Kenya Program?

The Brown/Kenya Program began in 1996 and Brown has been an integral part of the ASSANTE Consortium. Brown faculty, residents and medical students do 1-2 month rotations staffing the wards and teaching at the medical school during 2 dedicated months yearly and on an ongoing basis. Brown also hosts Kenyan medical students, physicians and public health professionals for advanced training. In addition to the exchange, Brown is involved in research programs and public health disease identification, treatment and control efforts including the development of AMPATH, the largest HIV care program in East Africa. Many program participants are actively engaged in the provision of medical supplies, programmatic support and significant philanthropic contributions.



Jim Myers



Ed Wing



Jane Carter



Charles Sherman

The Rhode Island Team Leaders

James Myers, MD, has been awarded the 2008 Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Physician of the Year Award at The Miriam Hospital.

“Dr. Myers has shown unparalleled dedication to The Miriam Hospital throughout the past 25 years,” says Kathleen Hittner, MD, president of The Miriam Hospital. “Although he embodies all of the qualities of the physician of the year—the two things I admire most about him are his devotion to the education of children from disadvantaged families, and his tireless loyalty to helping his fellow physicians who are experiencing challenges in their own careers.”

A highlight among Myers’ accomplishments is the establishment of the **Brown-Kenya exchange program** that he helped initiate with his colleagues **Charles Sherman, MD**, **Jane Carter, MD**, and **Ed Wing**, dean of medicine and biological sciences at Brown University. The program enables residents and faculty from Brown Medical School to work on the medical wards in Kenya and Kenyan medical students from Moi University to rotate and work at The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. Since its inception in 1998, the collaboration has provided local students and faculty with a life-changing experience abroad, while making them more aware of health care issues at home for those who are impoverished.

What is AMPATH?

- n HIV/AIDS Control
- n An Overview
- n The Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV (AMPATH) is Kenya's most comprehensive initiative to combat HIV.
- n AMPATH is a working model of urban and rural HIV preventive and treatment services in the public sector. AMPATH cares for more than 75,000 HIV infected adults and children, with nearly one-half of all patients on anti-retroviral drugs, and enrollment into the program rising by 2,000 patients per month.
- n A robust program to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV has been initiated including an opt-out testing policy and programs fostering triple anti-retroviral therapy of pregnant woman and formula feedi newborns. AMPATH has implemented programs that foster food and economic security for HIV infected persons and their families. AMPATH demonstrates the power of US and African academic medi l centers united by common vision.
- n **Family Preservation Initiative (FPI)** - Training in income security and occupational skills to get HIV+ patients and their fam es back on their feet.
- n **HAART and Harvest Initiative** - A program to ensure food security for HIV positive patients and their families.
- n **Orphan and Vulnerable Children Program** - An initiative to strengthen the capacity of families and communities to care for orphans and vulnerable children.

AMPATH Now Serves in 18 Locations

IU-KENYA LOCATIONS (in order of establishment)

- 1 Eldoret
- 2 Mosoriot
- 3 Turbo
- 4 Burnt Forest
- 5 Chulaimbo
- 6 Webuye
- 7 Naitiri
- 8 Amukura
- 9 Kapenguria
- 10 Kitale
- 11 Teso
- 12 Mt. Elgon
- 13 Iten
- 14 Kabarnet
- 15 Busia
- 16 Port Victoria
- 17 Khunyangu
- 18 Uasin Gishu

