Saving Children’s Lives in Botswana, India, & Tanzania

Thursday, September 29 / 2:00-3:00pm
RSVP required

6.3 million children under the age of 5 die each year. 4 million of those deaths occur in limited resource countries in Africa and Southeast Asia and are often the result of acute illnesses like pneumonia, severe diarrhea and sepsis - illnesses that could be prevented or treated with access to simple, affordable interventions.

In 2013, pediatric emergency and critical care colleagues at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, core leaders from Helping Babies Breathe, and the American Heart Association began the first Saving Children’s Lives (SCL) programs in Africa. Utilizing the AHA PEARs training program, a “train-the-trainer” approach to create new instructors, and with input from local Ministries of Health, SCL is helping to create a sustainable pediatric training program for community health workers and healthcare providers in Botswana and Tanzania. Focus is on acute childhood illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhea and sepsis. Since 2013, SCL has trained more than 500 providers in Botswana, Tanzania and India.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear about the SCL program from the experts creating and implementing it. RSVP

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Mr. Setlhare is a Site Program Coordinator for the Botswana UPenn Partnership, and leads the SCL program in Molepolole, Botswana. He graduated as a General Registered Nurse in 2008 and his last clinical position was as Principal Registered Nurse in the Accident & Emergency Scottish Livingstone District Hospital. He was nominated for the Clinical Excellence award in 2013 at the national annual Nurses Day Awards in Molepolole, Botswana. He has presented nationally and internationally on the SCL program.

Peter Meaney, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine; Director, Center for Global Pediatric Care, Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Dr. Meaney's initial medical training is in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. He completed his Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at CHOP and his Master of Public Health degree at Harvard University. Dr. Meaney is a nationally and internationally recognized pediatric resuscitation scientist with more than 40 published manuscripts. He has developed, implemented and led training programs at 11 sites in 8 countries. Dr. Meaney has held leadership positions in the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Committee as well as the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) since 2008, and in 2014 served as a temporary advisor to the World Health Organization. His current focus is on improving care at the district hospital level, and he has led the development and implementation of the SCL program.