

**World Mission Alliance  
Medical Missions  
Clinic Lead Handbook**

**WMA Medical Missions History**

World Missions Alliance began short term medical missions in 2014 under the leadership of Dr. Richard Bartlett, MD during a mission in Northern Iraq which served refugees fleeing ISIS invasion.

The vision of Dr. Bartlett and the founders of World Missions Alliance, Helen and Chuck Todd, was to meet the physical needs of the marginalized people groups throughout the world by providing free medical care and medicine through medical teams. This outreach was intended to complement and expand the main vision of World Missions Alliance - sharing the Gospel of Christ and building the body of Christ (the church) around the world.

Since 2014, WMA has hosted medical clinics in countries like Lebanon, Egypt, Argentina, Romania, Nepal, Serbia, Mexico, Albania, and many others serving the most vulnerable, marginalized, and underprivileged segments of the population.

**WMA Medical Missions Leadership Team**

**Dr. Richard Bartlett - Director**

Dr. Bartlett, MD has practiced medicine for 28 years, serving as medical director of public and private ambulance services, hospitals, and emergency rooms. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and was appointed in 2002 by the Governor of Texas for a two-year assignment on the Texas Health Disparities Task force as the advisor to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Speaker of the House on improving access to quality healthcare for all Texans. He has been CBS News Medical Expert of West Texas for over 20 years.

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**DeAnna Moore RN, MSN, FNP-C**

DeAnna Moore is a graduate of University of Texas SON and is currently employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner at a family medical practice in Midland, Texas. Her medical background as a nurse is highlighted by her time in ICU and Trauma units as well as membership in Sigma Theta Tau. DeAnna was called to missions at a Mission Anglican WorldWide Conference. At this conference, a Sudanese Anglican Bishop prophesied that DeAnna would one day go to the nations. 25 years later, Dr. Bartlett invited DeAnna to travel with WMA on a medical mission

trip. Since that first trip, DeAnna has led many medical teams to numerous countries through WMA. She invites everyone to “come and see!” about medical missions with WMA.

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**Kenna Cowart RN, BSN, CCRN**

Kenna Cowart is a critical care registered nurse who has been traveling on medical missions for over ten years. Kenna is currently pursuing a master’s degree to become a licensed Family Nurse Practitioner. Kenna came to WMA after graduating nursing school, and she has since been on many medical and non medical trips with WMA. Kenna currently lives and works in Branson, MO where she is able to combine her love of nursing and her love of medical missions more than ever before. Her hope is that through medical missions, we are able to reach the unreached and to tell patients of their ultimate Healer, Jesus Christ.

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### **WMA Clinic Lead Overview**

- **Who is qualified to be the Clinic Lead?** The clinic lead is anyone who has an advanced practice medical degree and active license with the ability to diagnose and prescribe such as an MD, DO, nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant.
- **How is the Clinic Lead assigned?** The clinic lead is the medical provider with the highest level of medical degree such as an MD and/or is chosen based on prior medical mission experience with WMA. The clinic lead is assigned by WMA staff and/or volunteers for the position.
- **To whom does the Clinic Lead report?** The WMA Trip Leader.
- **What is the role of the Clinic Lead?** The clinic lead guides the practice of the medical clinics on the specific WMA mission trip.
  - **Pre-trip:**
    - Discuss the mission function and structure of the clinic with the WMA trip leader.
    - Have a full understanding of the WMA medical protocol and vision of WMA medical missions.
    - Assess the WMA standard list of medications and supplies and prioritize based on preference.
  - **During the trip:**
    - Assign medical professional roles in the clinic.
    - Assess the facility assigned and determine the best set up and flow of the clinic with the WMA team leader and local partner.
    - Assign members of the medical team to organize the medications and supplies for the clinic.
    - Conduct one or more medical team meetings before, during, and as needed for the clinics.
    - Help guide the team in prayer and example through the Holy Spirit.

## **How to Prepare as the Clinic Lead**

### **What supplies should the Clinic Lead bring?**

- Diagnostic tools such as stethoscope, ophthalmoscope, otoscope, thermometer, and blood pressure cuff
- Basic medications such as ibuprofen, Tylenol, supplements and vitamins
- Any personal medical supplies that the provider uses for diagnosis and treatment

### **How can the Clinic Lead best prepare for the trip?**

- Read the WMA medical protocol.
- Contact the heads of the WMA medical missions team with questions.
- Discuss the medical schedule and needs for the trip with the WMA team leader.
- Research the common medical problems, diagnose, and treatment for the patient populations, as well as the culture and customs of the region.
- If the clinic lead prefers to meet the other medical team members prior to the trip, contact WMA for their personal information.

**Spiritual preparation is the most important.** Personal prayer and prayers from the church community are essential, as well as spending extra time in scripture and community with fellow believers who support the mission.

**How can the Clinic Lead best assist the medical team members and non-medical team members?** The clinic lead, although not the leader of the trip, holds a significant role within the team that requires flexibility, confidence, responsibility and compassion for the local people and fellow team members. The clinic lead follows Christ's example in servant leadership by using their role to serve others.