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IRF Films - Documentary and Promotional Videos to Support PRM Training in Low and Middle Income Countries

Topic: Disability Studies

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BACKGROUND

Document the work of physicians and allied health professionals associated with the International Rehabilitation Forum (IRF).

METHODS

Over the course of several years, American paraplegic and photo journalist, Tom Haig traveled to clinics associated with the IRF, a consortium of rehab professionals working in some of the most challenging regions on Earth. Haig packed all his gear (cameras, computers, tripods, microphones) in a single leather bag and carried it on his wheelchair. He traveled solo to all locations.

RESULTS

Documentary films were produced from visits to Albania, Bangladesh, France, Ghana, Japan, Nepal, Senegal and South Africa. Additional filming was done in China, Ethiopia, India, Colombia, Puerto Rico and Cameroon. The videos have been viewed more than 10,000 times and presented at conferences all over the globe. “IRF Visits Ghana” won first prize in the Consortium of Universities for Global Health video competition.

CONCLUSION

International Rehabilitation Forum films has done the work that doctors simply don’t have the time or expertise to complete. It has documented the work of IRF physicians and allied health professionals on every continent. It has proved to be the glue keeping together a dedicated but very dispersed community. The films themselves are important, but equally constructive is the immediate community that develops when people work on a film shoot.

Ref: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_j3SlnU127A3I1C5rMI1ImqypxKwwoXC

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