



**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Faculty of Health Sciences  
Medical School for International Health  
in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center**

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**YORK UNIVERSITY GRADUATE RETURNS TO TORONTO WITH GLOBAL HEALTH  
MEDICAL DEGREE FROM THE MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH**

**Adam Goldman, MD, now a Family Medicine resident at Scarborough Hospital in Toronto**

BEER-SHEVA, ISRAEL - July 25, 2011 - Dr. Adam Goldman, a 2011 graduate from the [Medical School for International Health](#) (MSIH), has returned home to Toronto with a medical degree in global health and four years of extensive experience working with underserved populations. He has just begun his family medicine residency at the Scarborough Hospital, part of the University of Toronto health system, where he works with a very diverse group of newly-arrived immigrants, refugees and at-risk youth, and will also have the opportunity to work with three rural community clinics.

Dr. Goldman graduated from York University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Biology, and completed his master's of science in Health Psychology at York in 2007. His master's thesis "Ugandan Youth: Attitudes, Knowledge, and Behaviour Regarding HIV Prevention" has been submitted for review, and he has two other manuscripts published, both of which examine vaccine preparedness in sub-Saharan Africa.

Adam has been involved in numerous research activities since his undergraduate years at York University including two projects at Soroka Medical Center, the hospital facility affiliated with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. As a first-year medical student at the Medical School for International Health, Adam worked as a research assistant, analyzing data on gender differences and dural arteriovenous fistulas (DAVF), which are abnormal fistulas located in the brain or spinal cord. He then helped design and create a research proposal for a study investigating rates of adherence to post-operative anticoagulant therapy after valve replacement therapy in the Bedouin and Jewish populations in the Negev.

His [global health coursework](#) included a two-day cross-cultural workshop which prepares third year students to be aware of how cultural differences can impact the healthcare of individuals and population, which is essential in order to deliver care in a humanistic, compassionate manner. Scarborough Hospital, in east Toronto, is located in one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the world.

The Medical School for International Health, a collaborative program to train doctors for careers in global health established by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Columbia University Medical Center in 1997, incorporates global health coursework into all four years of the medical school curriculum and integrates global health into both the basic science curriculum and clinical clerkships. MSIH students conduct their first three years of medical school at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Medical School in Beer-Sheva, Israel, where they are exposed to a variety of underserved people from many different cultures. Workshops, lectures, and global health modules such as *Infectious Disease* and *Aging in the World* prepare students to address the cultural, political, environmental and economic factors that impact the health of individuals and populations.

The capstone of the MSIH global health education is an eight-week international health and medicine clerkship in the spring of the fourth-year, where students study in a supervised setting with underserved populations. Dr. Goldman's clerkship was through the Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Ontario, Canada, and his project was on "Preventative Health Behaviours By Time-Since Immigration to Canada: A Cross-Sectional Analysis."

After completing residency training, alumni are expected to make significant contributions to global health through clinical work, policy development and medical education. A recent survey of MSIH graduates found that 65% of alumni respondents are engaged in one or more areas of global health.

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Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and are currently being accepting for the 2012 entering class. For more information about the MSIH and Columbia University's partnership with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in the MSIH, contact the MSIH Admissions Office at (212) 305-9587, visit our website at <http://cumc.columbia.edu/dept/bgcu-md>, or email us at [bgcu-md@columbia.edu](mailto:bgcu-md@columbia.edu).