**UPENN Rad Onc introduces resident elective in Botswana**

**Resident Rotation in Botswana, Africa**

**Department of Radiation Oncology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania**

The Hospital of University of Pennsylvania (UPENN) Radiation Oncology Department presents a one month resident rotation at the Gabarone Private Hospital (GBH) and Princess Marina Hospital (PMH) in Gaborone, Botswana. Residents will gain exposure to radiation oncology in a middle-income setting in Southern Africa under the supervision of a University of Pennsylvania radiation oncology attending.

In addition to witnessing challenges in administering cancer care, residents will gain increased exposure to treatment of HIV-associated malignancies that present at advanced stages. This rotation will complement existing training in Philadelphia with further exposure to and experience in the following clinical sites and techniques:

* **Gynecological malignancies:** There are 5-8 new cervical cancer cases/week. Residents will get extensive experience in work-up and treatment (including brachytherapy) of locally advanced cervical cancer.
* **Other HIV-associated malignancies** including head and neck cancers, anal cancer and lymphoma.
* **Palliative treatment of advanced disease:** Over 70% of patients present with locally advanced disease with poor performance status. Residents will gain extensive experience in palliative treatment of all sites especially bone and pelvic metastasis.
* **2D and 3D planning:** Most patients undergo CT simulation and 3D planning, but many palliative care patients only have 2D planning.

**Logistics:** Rotation will have been at least 1 month long. US residents/citizens don’t require a visa for Botswana. Residents will cover their travel (approx. 1200-1400). Housing will be provided by UPENN rad onc department. There are also opportunities to participate in research projects. Botswana-UPENN staff on the ground will facilitate licensing. If interested, please send the following information to Dr. Surbhi Grover ([Surbhi.grover@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Surbhi.grover@uphs.upenn.edu)). Cover Letter with the following information:

1. Your full name, current residency institution, contact information, including address, phone number and email address. Program Director’s full name, contact information - including address, phone number and email address.

2. A single paragraph explaining why you would like to complete this rotation.

3. Your top 3 choices of the months when you would prefer to rotate at Botswana.

4. Curriculum Vitae.

Please note that we will try and accommodate your preferences. Once we receive the formal request, we will be in touch with you shortly.