



Ortmann Healthcare, committed to quality and patient safety at home and abroad.

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Saving sight worldwide

The Ortmann and Orbis International Connection



Ortmann Healthcare Consulting Services (OHCS) has always been committed to patient safety through its work with surgery centers and hospitals in the United States, but in 2010 the company started on a new and exciting journey of volunteer work with Orbis International that promotes patient safety on an international level.

Our participation is on two levels. First, our staff is assisting Orbis in its endeavor to achieve accreditation for its Flying Eye Hospital (FEH). Orbis International and OHCS believe it is important to maintain the same standards on the FEH as are used in surgery centers in the United States. Two staff members went to Zambia in the fall of 2012 to observe practices on the FEH and to work with staff to prepare for an accreditation survey.

Second, OHCS President Chris McMenemy serves on the Medical Advisory Committee for Orbis International as their Healthcare Quality and Accreditation Consultant. This committee meets three to four times a year to discuss practices on the Flying Eye Hospital and to collaboratively seek ways to maintain and improve its services to those served by the FEH.

Chris made a trip to Cameroon in 2013 to assist with EMR implementation and accreditation preparedness.

In 2014, Chris was onsite in the Philippines to assist with the final survey by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities International (AAAASFI). To earn its accreditation, Orbis International and the Flying Eye Hospital passed inspection of hundreds of important criteria concerning patient safety, the same criteria used to evaluate first class outpatient facilities in the United States and globally.

Ortmann Healthcare Consulting Services is honored to be a part of this group and its mission to prevent blindness and treat blinding eye diseases in developing countries.

Orbis International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that works in developing countries to save sight worldwide. Orbis prevents and treats blindness through hands-



Chris in Zambia with patient

on training, public health education, improved access to quality eye care, and partnerships with local health care organizations.

The gift of sight is priceless, life-changing and at the heart of what Orbis International does. Orbis works in some of the world's most under-served areas to deliver sight by strengthening local eye care institutions, training local staff, introducing ophthalmic technology to the practitioners, advocating for supportive policies and increasing public awareness about eye health.

Since 1982, Orbis international has carried out programs in 90 countries, enhanced the skills of more than 320,000 eye care professionals and provided treatment to more than 23.3 million blind and visually impaired people.

The Orbis Flying Eye Hospital is the result of a unique and lasting alliance forged between the medical and aviation industries. Their specially designed and converted DC-10 aircraft—the world's only airborne ophthalmic training facility—makes it possible for Orbis International to bring ophthalmic training to communities throughout the world. On board and in local hospitals, the Orbis International team and Volunteer Faculty provide hands-on training to local eye care professionals and convey the latest medical knowledge to treat patients and restore sight.