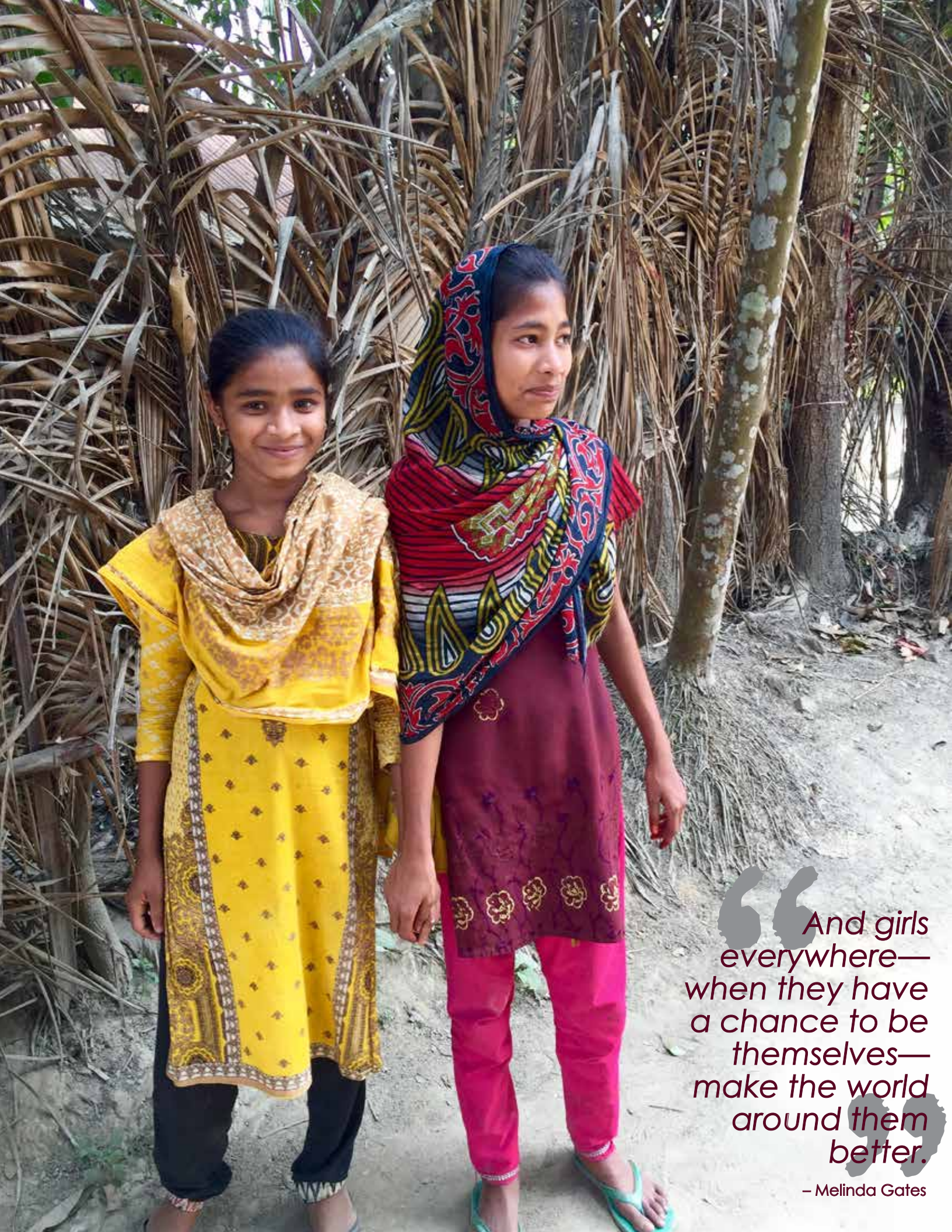




***Our Vision:***  
Healthy Mothers,  
Healthy Babies

# 2015 Annual Report



“ And girls everywhere—when they have a chance to be themselves—make the world around them better.”

— Melinda Gates

# Messages from the Board

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to share our recent work with you, work that you have helped us to achieve. The year 2015 was a year of tremendous progress for HOPE. In addition to our regular activities at HOPE Hospital, HOPE medical Centers and Outreach Health Camps, we have added some new programs.

We are proud to have forged a partnership with Every Mother Counts, a global leader in maternal health. Through their funding we will provide safe pregnancy care to over 1000 women in the area. We have also collaborated with MATERNOVA, a reputable research and development organization. We conducted research on the efficiency of a mobile urinalysis device to improve pregnancy care and save lives of rural pregnant mothers. In 2015, 20 more midwifery students were enrolled for the 3rd batch of our midwifery course. We continue to advance our programs on obstetric fistula, cleft repair and burn repair surgery. With your support and encouragement, in December 2015 we began construction of our new 75 bed facility, HOPE Maternity and Fistula Center. When built, this will be the first stand-alone fistula care center in the country.

All this was only possible due to your overwhelming support. We look forward to the future. Together we will strive to touch as many lives as possible, bringing healthcare to those who need it most.

Sincerely,

**Iftikher Mahmood, MD**

*President and Founder*

I dedicate my support to HOPE Foundation because its mission of serving the community in its entirety is undeniable. I have been a part of HOPE Foundation and watched the organization flourish into an all-encompassing health network that is working towards eliminating the barriers to health for even the most remote populations. We have one goal and that is to guarantee that nobody is suffering because they cannot access or pay for health; it is a human right that HOPE holds to the highest degree. We are looking forward to expanding our services to more women and more children and see a dramatic improvement in the health of the population. I thank our partners for believing in our work and our donors for their gracious support.

Since we started, without your support, we could not continue our journey.

**Sultan S. Ahmed, MD**

*Associate Professor, Family Medicine  
NOVA Southeastern University  
Adviser, HOPE Foundation*

# Testimonials

I am very happy to know that HOPE Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh has taken up the issue of maternal health and fistula in Cox's Bazar, a district which is also part of my jurisdiction, along with Chittagong, as a member of parliament. Safe motherhood is a basic human right. Today obstetric fistula is a significant maternal morbidity as it is the major pregnancy-related complication in Bangladesh.

I hail the important work of HOPE Foundation helping out the women suffering from fistula.

Through its hospital and clinics, it is not only providing fistula care, but also offering comprehensive maternal healthcare services. It further gives me immense pleasure to mention that HOPE spearheaded its maternal health and fistula care programs through organizing the HOPE Maternal Health and Fistula Conference 2016 where

I was fortunate to be a part of the closing session as a speaker. It was an enlightening experience.

I wish all the best to HOPE Foundation in reaching the goals of Restoring dignity, Changing lives, Empowering, Strengthening and Providing hope for a better future thereby assisting the Government to reach the Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring good health and well-being for all.

May Bangladesh Live Forever.

**Waseqa Ayesha Khan**

*Member of Parliament*

*Member, Standing Committee on Public Accounts  
Representative of Asia Pacific Nations in Inter Parliamentary Union's Committee of Women MPs*

I am so grateful to Midwives for Haiti for introducing the work of the HOPE Foundation to Every Mother Counts. We have been so pleased to support their efforts to improve the lives of women and their families in Cox's Bazar since 2015. Together, we can make pregnancy and childbirth safe for every mother, everywhere.

**Christy Turlington Burns**

*Founder, Every Mother Counts*

# Maternal & Child Healthcare



In 2015, **HOPE** focused on providing safe pregnancy and delivery to prevent maternal mortality and morbidity. HOPE received a grant from *Every Mother Counts* to support this initiative of providing 1,000 women with safe pregnancy and delivery. We achieved the following in maternal health:

- **2,908** antenatal care visits
- **673** postnatal care check-ups
- **9,511** women served
- **1,075** gynecological and obstetric appointments
- **256** women immunized

Children are the future of Bangladesh and at **HOPE**, we are focused on a healthy childhood to ensure happy, productive adults in the future who enjoy a high quality of life. In 2015 we provided the

- **6,700** child health visits
- **718** children immunized
- **788** treated cases of child pneumonia and diarrhea

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In 2015, a special project funded by **Humanium**, a non-profit organization in France, allowed for the screening of **248 students** in two schools where **50 students** were treated for illnesses; **30** for anemia; **21** referred to specialists; **22** student's counseled on hygiene and sanitation who lacked knowledge; and a total of **68** families who brought their complimentary family health screening card for family check-ups.

# Patient Success Stories

## Burn Care Program

Partner: ReSurge International

Number of Surgeries: 30



### Rifat's Story

When Rifat was one month old a kerosene lamp placed beside his bed was knocked over by wind, setting the mosquito net encompassing the infant, on fire. His parents took him to a hospital but they told the parents they lacked knowledge in how to care for burns. As a result, Rifat lost the ability to use his hands and arms. He came to **HOPE** when he was nine years old to receive reconstructive surgery from **HOPE's** partner **ReSurge International** during their annual visit to **HOPE**. Rifat's first surgery was very successful! He will need future surgeries but his progress is already remarkable.



## Cleft Lip/Palate Program

Partner: Smile Train

Number of Surgeries: 41



### Asma's Story

Asma was just three months old when brought to **HOPE** Hospital. Her mother had not received any antenatal care services nor taken any folic acid, which could have prevented the deformity. It is not common for women in her community to receive antenatal care services. Asma was unable to breastfeed properly and frequently came down with Pneumonia. Asma's Mother was blamed by her community for Asma's cleft lip/palate as many remote communities are unaware that proper maternal supplementation prevents cleft. After learning this at **HOPE**, Asma's Mother will receive antenatal care for her future pregnancies. Asma is now repaired and on her way to a healthy, happy life!



# Obstetric Fistula Repair Program

Due to the high volume of women suffering from obstetric fistula, a debilitating childbirth injury, **HOPE** engaged in a three-prong strategy: ***Prevention, Surgical Repair and Follow-Up***

## Prevention

The two-year grant from Dining for Women that afforded **HOPE** a Fistula Dedicated Team executed a large-scale prevention campaign. The campaign consisted of the following:

- Screening and Referring Patients during Rural Health Camps
- Community Meetings
- Leaflet Distribution
- Presenting HOPE's Fistula Programs at Government Level District Meetings
- Household Visits
- Workshops

The prevention campaign expanded when in 2015 we added the ***Fistula Ambassador Program*** where repaired fistula patients work in the communities to prevent fistula by encouraging safe pregnancy and delivery and identifying and supporting women who are candidates for surgery. This is furthermore supported by **HOPE's** Village Provider Network, a network of **50** rural pharmacists who received educated, training and family health cards who will refer fistula patients to **HOPE** Hospital.

## Surgical Repairs

**HOPE** partners with **Fistula Foundation** to provide obstetric fistula repair surgery to women in need. In 2015 **HOPE** completed the most surgeries since the program started! A total of **64** women received the surgery they need to change their lives.

## Follow-Up

**HOPE** remains in contact with all of the fistula patients we serve to ensure they are on their way to good health and better living. **HOPE** provides:

- Physical Therapy
- Nutrition Advice
- Return to Family/Community Support
- Follow-Up Calls from HOPE's Fistula Surgeon for Health-Related Support
- Counseling



# HOPE Services & Research

## Research

In 2015 **HOPE** concluded its research with our partner **Maternova** with funding by **Merck Pharmaceuticals**, which tested the effectiveness of a mobile urinalysis device to detect pre/eclampsia in pregnant women. A total of **350** women participated in the study, all of whom were offered high quality antenatal care for their participation in the research. **HOPE's** midwives were further included in the research to assess their attitudes towards the device.

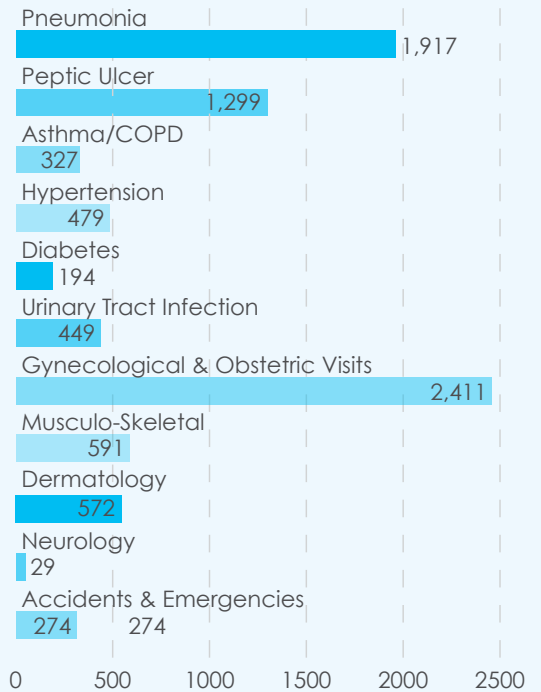
In addition to structured research, **HOPE** often hosts students, practitioners and researchers who have an interest in global health. In 2015 **HOPE** hosted Dr. Thomas Reed who worked diligently at **HOPE** Hospital to assess the ongoing obstetric fistula data. Dr. Reed not only analyzed the data but further developed insightful forms that will best collect pertinent information of the patients and



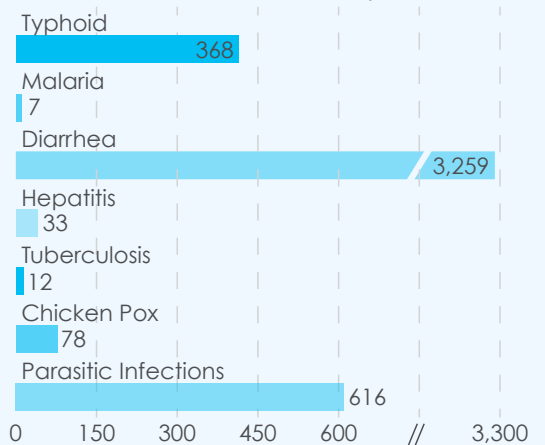
better guide understanding of the current fistula issue in Cox's Bazar. His contribution was greatly appreciated.

## Services Provided in 2015

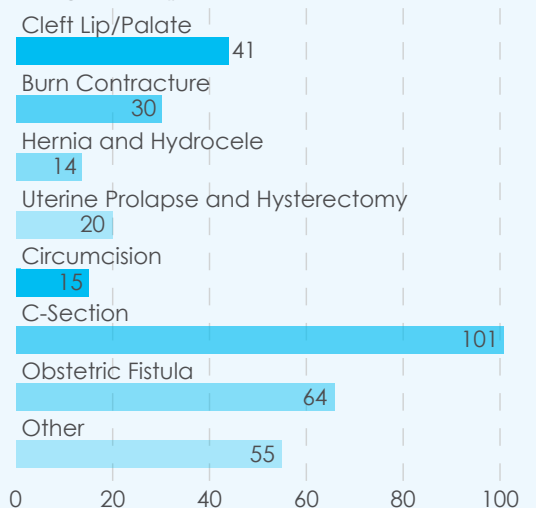
### Non-Communicable Diseases By Case



### Communicable Diseases By Case



### Surgical Operations



# Midwifery

HOPE's community-based Midwifery Diploma Program which is funded by the **UK Department for International Development**, in partnership with **BRAC University**, is growing! In addition to our 59 midwives in the first two cohorts, HOPE has recruited another 20 students to begin the program as the third class in 2016. Meanwhile, our first class of midwives were preparing for their graduation in early 2016. In total, HOPE is going to graduate **78 midwives** who will greatly impact their community and Bangladesh's need for midwifery care.



## Training & Education

Training village health workers is essential to build capacity in the community as well as for the success of our projects. Providing local solutions is at the heart of everything we do. We continued our Community Health Communicator project with the support of **Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund** to train **77** more health workers in 2015!





# HOPE Outreach

All of **HOPE's** programs require extensive outreach in order to create true impact. **HOPE** does this through hosting numerous remote health clinics in areas where access is limited. In 2015 **HOPE** hosted **21** rural camps and treated **2,699** patients.



## New Partner



**EVERY  
MOTHER  
COUNTS**

One of **HOPE's** newest partners is **Every Mother Counts**, a non-profit dedicated to ensuring safe pregnancy and delivery for every mother. Our project is to provide 1,000 women with complete antenatal care, safe delivery and postnatal care. In addition, the mothers are given essential knowledge on safe pregnancy, delivery and care for their newborns. **Every Mother Counts** is helping us ensure every woman can exercise her right to a safe pregnancy and childbirth!

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“HOPE is a marvelous act of mercy and compassion to the sick and destitute by the healthy and able bodies of humanity. I am glad that I am a part of it.”

- Dr. Rose Joseph,  
HOPE Board Member



“I work with HOPE because I wanted to join an organization that truly makes an impact in achieving global health objectives; the work we have been able to accomplish is astounding. I look forward to all of our future projects that are going to significantly impact the well being of the people in the region.”

- Matthew Malin, MPH,  
Director of International Programs, HOPE Foundation



Construction for HOPE's Maternity & Fistula Center has begun! This transformational 75-bed center will provide comprehensive maternal health services for all women in the area.



All donations are payable over 3 years in annual, quarterly or monthly gifts.

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\$5,000	Founding Member
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## Join this outstanding group of Founding Members

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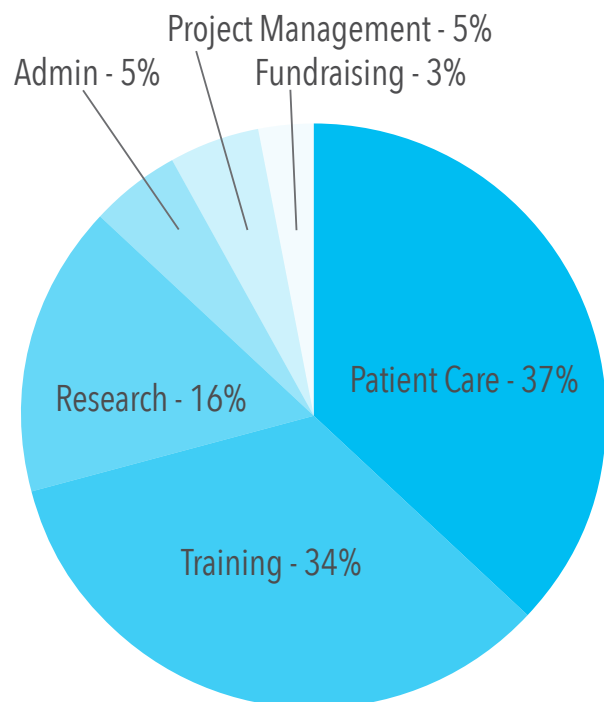


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