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## CONDUCT MEDICAL DIPLOMACY IN A UNIQUE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER

The Bureau of Medical Services (MED) has more than 200 clinicians practicing in over 170 countries to bring compassionate care and medical treatments to diplomats and their families on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. MED is the main provider of medical services to U.S. government employees and their eligible family members, primarily in countries with austere local medical facilities.



**The greatest impact has been my ability to provide quality care in challenging situations.**

Marilyn | Foreign Service Medical Provider



The Bureau of Medical Services safeguards the health and well-being of America's diplomatic community. As a "medical diplomat," you will be at the forefront of the Department's mission to deliver the best in preventative and emergency care without the pressure of billing and insurance issues.

## INSPIRE PEACE AND PROSPERITY

By demonstrating our nation's democratic values, the U.S. Department of State promotes a free, peaceful, and prosperous world on behalf of the American people.



## DIPLOMACY EMBRACES DIFFERENCES

The U.S. Department of State is committed to creating a workforce that represents the diversity of America. It recognizes that all employees' rich experiences, talents, and knowledge are unique and bring valuable input to every project.

Diversity and inclusion are vital to the Department's mission. Our diverse workforce brings innovation and creativity to the workplace, encourages fresh perspectives that inspire new ideas, and sparks positive change—both at home and across the globe.

The Department's workplace is one of civility and respect, encouraging and supporting a collaborative, professional, and teamwork-oriented community where everyone can contribute to the mission regardless of position, rank, grade, or employment status.

Make a lasting impact as you live and work abroad, or work in Washington, D.C., and enrich your skills as well as your perspective.



**I wanted a career that would allow me to do primary care, to be of service, and to expose my family in a healthy way to all these cultures. This career has been a perfect match.**

Robert | Foreign Service Regional Medical Officer





**DIPLOMACY**

**HEALS**

**COMMUNITIES**



## **A GLOBAL CAREER THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

As the caregiving arm of the U.S. Department of State, MED puts forth every effort to meet the healthcare needs of the U.S. embassy communities. Those who work within the bureau have the unique opportunity to expand their medical repertoire to include tropical medicine, chemical/bio attack response, combat medic training, and emergency care. This is more than an exceptional career path—it's a chance to positively impact your life and the lives of others.

**DIPLOMACY**

**ENCOURAGES**

**COLLABORATION**



**DIPLOMACY**

**IMPACTS**

**LIVES**



As a member of the healthcare team working abroad, you will provide care in both primary and emergency settings, collaborate with local medical professionals, liaise with international medical experts, and act as the health and safety expert at your location. You will engage in diplomacy, lead and effect policy change, and protect your fellow diplomats from disease and environmental threats. And you will have the opportunity to do this in a new location every two to four years. All in all, you will truly make a difference—wherever you go.

As a Foreign Service Medical Specialist, you will be a vital part of history in the making. Every day, you will experience the challenge and excitement of a career at the forefront of healthcare and international affairs. You will also have an unprecedented opportunity to travel the world and experience different cultures. You will make the world your workplace and use your skills to effect real change in the lives of others.

## **HELP PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

For those interested in living and working abroad, you must be available and willing to serve anywhere in the world that requires your expertise. In return for your service, you will have access to continued training and career development programs, health and medical coverage, federal retirement benefits, and generous paid leave. When serving overseas, you will be provided paid housing or an appropriate housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children K through 12th grade.



**There's a larger purpose in doing what we do, and you really get to practice with an autonomy that you just don't have in the United States.**

Lindy I Foreign Service  
Medical Provider





## SPEND MORE TIME WITH PATIENTS AND NO TIME ON BILLING

To deliver on its mission, MED hires diverse, experienced professionals for the following four Foreign Service Medical Specialist roles: **Medical Providers, Regional Medical Laboratory Scientists, Regional Medical Officers, and Regional Medical Officers Psychiatrists.**

**Regional Medical Officers Psychiatrists (RMOP)** provide psychiatric consultations, assist with lifestyle adjustments, and perform ambulatory and emergency psychiatric care for diplomats and their eligible family members. As a Regional Medical Officer Psychiatrist, you will train staff to screen for psychiatric conditions and stress management, provide psychiatric medical care during times of crisis, assess post morale, and respond to immediate needs within your assigned region.

To be a Regional Medical Officer Psychiatrist, you must possess a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) or equivalent degree and have completed formal residency training. You must have a current board certification by the ABPN and a minimum of three (3) years of post-residency clinical experience within the past eight (8) years in adult or child/adolescent psychiatry (with at least 50% of your time involved in direct patient care).

To learn more about the positions, specific requirements, and how to apply, visit [careers.state.gov/MED](https://careers.state.gov/MED).

**Medical Providers (MP)** are family nurse practitioners and physician assistants who work either independently or as a member of a team of Medical Specialists to provide primary and preventative healthcare as well as emergency and acute care services. As an MP, you will spend the majority of your career at posts overseas collaborating with local healthcare officials, maintaining the highest standards of healthcare at your assignment, managing emergency preparedness, and performing regional care duties.

To be a Medical Provider, you must currently be licensed as a family nurse practitioner (FNP) or physician assistant (PA) and have current national certification as an FNP or PA. You must have a minimum of five (5) years of full-time, family practice clinical experience within the past seven (7) years and demonstrate a thorough understanding of primary care practice fundamentals.



**DIPLOMACY**

**SOLVES**

**CHALLENGES**



### **Regional Medical Laboratory Scientists**

provide critical support to Medical Specialists and diplomats abroad. As a Regional Medical Laboratory Scientist, you will be responsible for overseeing laboratories in your assigned region, providing technical consulting, performing competency assessments, evaluating quality assurance, and implementing health and safety programs. You will also address food safety, environmental issues, and water quality issues.

To be a Regional Medical Laboratory Scientist, you must have a bachelor's degree in medical laboratory science, medical technology, clinical laboratory science, chemistry, or biological science, and demonstrate completion of a NAACLS Program for a Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Technologist and be nationally certified. You must have a minimum of five (5) years of full-time, post-certification laboratory experience within the last 10 years in the Chemistry, Hematology, and Immunology areas of the laboratory.

**Regional Medical Officers (RMO)** are board-certified physicians who provide primary, acute, and emergency care to U.S. diplomats and their families abroad. As a Regional Medical Officer, you will be responsible for administering primary and preventative healthcare throughout a region, engaging in diplomatic responsibilities, coordinating emergency preparedness, and maintaining communication with MED offices in Washington, D.C., as needed.

To be a Regional Medical Officer, you must be currently board certified in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, or Emergency Medicine. You must have a minimum of five (5) years of full-time, post-residency clinical experience within the past seven (7) years providing primary care to adults, children, and infants (with at least 75% of the time involved in direct patient care).

**RESILIENCY**

**SUPPORTS**

**DIPLOMACY**

