Pharmabridge: Bridging Partnerships Between US and Indian Schools of Pharmacy

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Served as a Host Institution
- Hosted two pharmacy faculty members from India
- Four week shadowing experience – primarily clinical
- Involved in clinical sites, classroom teaching and college activities

International Faculty
- Hosted two faculty members from Karnataka, India
  - Dr. Prasanna Shama Khandige
    - Assistant Professor and Head, Pharmacology (PhD Pharmacology)
    - Nitte University, NSGM Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
    - Mangalore, India
  - Professor Binai Sankar
    - Assistant Professor (MS Pharmacy Practice)
    - Acharya and BM Reddy College of Pharmacy
    - Bangalore, India

Responsibilities as a Host Institution
- Arrangements with the practice site
- Immunizations, HIPPA Training
- Provide housing/meals
- Local transportation
- Scheduling/Logistics
- Master schedule prepared before arrival

Scheduled Activities
- Meet and greet on campus/tour
  - Faculty introductions, meeting with college administration
- Practice Sites:
  - Community, Hospital, Compounding Center, Drug Information
  - Clinical Rounds – Internal medicine, Oncology, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Am Care
- Classroom Settings
  - Therapeutics Lectures, Case Studies
  - Active Learning
  - Compounding Laboratory

Scheduled Activities
- School Administration/Activities
  - Dean, Assessment, Admissions
  - Committee Meetings, Faculty Meetings
  - Presentation at Faculty Meeting
- School/College Activities
  - CE Programs, Graduation/Hooding, Awards Banquet
  - Service Project
Unscheduled Activities

- Social Activities
- Hosted dinners in homes, local restaurants
- Shopping
- Trip to Niagara Falls
- Weekend trips to NYC/Dc

Future Collaboration Opportunities

- US Faculty to Visit Indian schools
- Student Recruitment/Rotation Sites
- Research Collaborations
- Professional Development