

What's Happening

at the Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital – October 2017

SONJA KILL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital, managed by HOPE worldwide, Ltd., is in its sixth year. Since its opening, more than 51,700 patients have been touched by the SKMH team. Through the dedication of its staff and supporters, SKMH has seen tremendous growth.

SKMH has been blessed with international support from medical, administrative and volunteer partners from around the world to serve and teach. The local Cambodian staff continues to grow and serves as the primary patient care providers.

The SKMH team is grateful for all the support that has been given over the past five years; however, there remains more to do. Future development includes the addition of a CT scan, upgraded X-ray diagnostic equipment, continued development of staff training programs and pursuit of international accreditations. Please consider how you can make a difference at the Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital. Go to <https://www.hopeww.org/donate>. Use the drop down box and select Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital. If you wish to learn more about the Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital, please visit www.skmh.org.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- *Anesthesiologist/Anesthesia nurse*
- *Internal Medicine/Family Medicine*
- *Gynecology/Obstetrics/Midwifery*
- *Laboratory Medicine, Hematology and blood bank*
- *General surgeon and Pediatric surgeon*

Your giving can provide the following FREE of CHARGE:

- \$100** - A simple birth delivery
- \$250** - Prenatal consultation and ultrasound for ten women
- A Caesarian section
- \$500** - One emergency abdominal surgery free-of-charge
- \$1,000** - One year of training for a young doctor



Healing for the Heart

Kory Phea's hope for her heart started five years ago when SKMH had just opened. Five years ago, Phea was just like every other expectant mother, eagerly awaiting the delivery of her baby girl. She lives 60 km from SKMH in Prey Nob, Sihanoukville with her husband who works in construction.

Three months after a healthy delivery, she started to feel weak, her skin looked yellow and was not able to breast feed. Not knowing what was wrong, she moved in with her mother-in-law. She went to local clinics, tried many traditional Khmer healing practices and tried medicines. Nothing helped her get better. Phea went to see her mother in Kampong Trach who told her about SKMH. Thinking this hospital wouldn't be any different than her experience, she expected to die soon. When she came to the hospital, only the outpatient department was open. After blood tests and seeing the doctors, it was determined she had severe heart failure due to a stenotic mitral valve, needing surgery. This was most likely due to rheumatic fever in childhood. However, Phea didn't have any money for surgery.

Thanks to SKMH donors, there were funds to pay for her surgery. She was referred to the heart center in Phnom Penh, but had to wait five years until she was stable under medication. Finally, she received her much needed heart surgery on February 8, 2017. She came back to visit the hospital in August to give thanks for the correct diagnosis many years ago and saving her life. Phea continues to tell everyone she knows, "Go to SKMH because it is the best in Cambodia. This is a very nice hospital and has many doctors now."

Treating others with fairness, dignity and compassion is the "rain" that helps them grow and be fruitful.

-Anonymous-

A New Milestone at Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital



In September, the team at Sonja Kill Memorial Hospital celebrated a new milestone in its development and impact on Cambodian healthcare. Four Khmer doctors trained at SKMH were named to positions of leadership. **Dr. Sar Thona**, appointed Medical Chief of Staff, is responsible for the continued training and development of young physicians at SKMH. Additional duties will be oversight of the NICU and the Emergency Department. **Dr. Ouch Chanthy** was appointed Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Chanthy is a Kampot native and has been with SKMH for five years. Her compassion and dedication has helped the Women's Clinic and Maternity Department become the place to have a baby in Southern Cambodia. **Dr. Tan Poseng**, appointed Chief of Internal Medicine, oversees the Out-Patient Department. The OPD is often the busiest area of the hospital, caring for over 100 patients per day. Dr. Poseng will be assisted by **Dr. Sunly Khun** as the new Deputy Chief of Internal Medicine. Dr. Sunly and his family reside in Kampot. He serves as an anchor in the Internal Medicine Department. Together with Dr. Poseng, their Outpatient Department will touch over 20,000 lives in a year.

The SKMH family could not be prouder of its new leadership. Together they form the pillars from which the hospital will build and continue to meet the needs of patients in Southern Cambodia. The leadership of SKMH would like to express its profound appreciation to the senior physicians in Cambodia and others from around the world, who have spent years training and teaching these and other Khmer doctors. Your efforts are paying dividends today and will continue into the future.

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Developments and Accomplishments at SKMH since opening in 2012

- 2012-Hospital opened with outpatient department
- 2013-Emergency department opened
Two inpatient depts. opened
24-hour care introduced
- 2014-Maternity building opened
- 2015-Surgical department opened
Neonatal ICU operational
- 2016-Official opening of the Neonatal ICU
Centralized medical gas system
Blood bank opened
- June 2017-Be Smart Learning Center

As of August 2017:

- 150,920 patient consultations, with 51,793 patients treated.
- 72 % of visits for women and children, meeting our core mission.
- 918 deliveries since opening the maternity building.
- 7 Cambodian doctors have graduated from SKMH Post Graduate General Medicine Education Program.
- Over 180 people employed
- The Neonatal ICU has served 62 children since opening.
- The surgical team has performed over 360 surgeries in 2016. Of these, 86 have been for children.
- 115 units of blood donated in the Blood Bank since January 2017

