

## ENHANCING HEAD & NECK SURGERY SKILLS FOR PAACS GRADUATES

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Three PAACS alumni in Ethiopia are teaming up to facilitate new learning opportunities for their fellow PAACS graduates.

Dr. Mesele Bogale, a graduate of the PAACS Head and Neck fellowship at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, is now working in a high-volume head-and-neck surgery practice near Addis Ababa and is offering a 1-month hands-on rotation for graduates who wish to improve their ENT skills.

Dr. Efeson Thomas, a graduate of Soddo Christian Hospital, has developed a breadth of expertise in laparoscopic cases and is eager to help graduates through a 1-month hands-on rotation in basic laparoscopic procedures.

Dr. Dejene Desalegn, another graduate of Soddo Christian Hospital, is involved in supporting airfare expenses for some of these rotations for graduates from other countries who would have significant financial burden otherwise.

These graduates are eager to share with those who are lacking from the skillset that they have been blessed to acquire. They hope this program of short-term rotations will also strengthen a feeling of unity among PAACS graduates.

Surgeons wishing to apply to one of these two programs are encouraged to email Dr. Efeson Thomas at [efeson.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:efeson.thomas@gmail.com) for more details.

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### 2025 PAACS FALL CONFERENCE

PAACS Global Day of  
Fasting and Prayer  
Monday, March 10th, 2025

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the Globe  
TO STAND Together as One  
Voice before the Lord



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A vertical poster for the 2025 PAACS Fall Conference. At the top, it says "Save the Date" in a cursive font. Below that is the PAACS logo and the text "2025 PAACS Fall Conference". The middle section features a photograph of a city skyline at night with lights reflecting on water. Below the photo, it says "October 2-4, 2025" in a large, bold font. Underneath that, it says "Hilton Garden Inn, O'Hare Des Plaines, IL". At the bottom, it says "Space is Limited. Registration will open soon!" in a cursive font.