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### Community Hospital Physicians Travel to Haiti for Medical Mission

Mesa County, CO - Two Community Hospital specialty physicians will travel to Haiti April 28 through May 5, 2018, to perform a medical mission, along with a team from Thomas Jefferson University. While in Haiti, board certified and fellowship-trained ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeons, Adam Baker, MD and Katie McKee-Cole, MD, will perform a variety of pro bono surgeries.

The team will be performing complex surgeries including mandibular and maxillary tumor excisions and fibular free flap reconstructions. Additionally, the team will conduct multiple cleft lip and palate surgeries, ear and nasal reconstructions, thyroidectomies, and cancer excisions of the oral cavity, pharynx and larynx. The program is sponsored and coordinated by CHANCE, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving lives through generosity.

“We are incredibly honored to participate in this important mission trip to Haiti,” said Adam Baker, MD. “My first mission to Haiti was at St. Luc hospital in Port Au Prince in 2015. We traveled to Haiti as part of a pilot mission and the CHANCE program has been very busy since then. I am very much looking forward to returning to help those in need,” added Dr. Baker.

According to Lumiere Medical Ministries, the medical needs of Haiti are staggering and far greater than any other country in the Western Hemisphere. In addition, Haiti’s birthrate is nearly three times that of North America, further compounding the challenges of living on an island seemingly forgotten by the rest of the world. With more than one million of the nation’s five million people concentrated on the southern peninsula, the needs of the people are magnified.

Doctors Baker and McKee-Cole, along with the rest of the team, will be performing these surgeries at the Hospital Lumiere in Bonne Fin, which is a four-hour drive from Port Au Prince.

Dr. Baker and Dr. McKee-Cole both provide full spectrum otolaryngology services. Dr. Baker specializes in facial plastic surgery and reconstruction and Dr. McKee-Cole specializes in pediatric otolaryngology.

To learn more about the services offered at Community Hospital’s Grand Valley ENT & Facial Plastic Surgeons, please call 970-644-3800 or visit [www.YourCommunityHospital.com/ENT](http://www.YourCommunityHospital.com/ENT).

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