

Family Medicine Educator of the Year



Masahiro Morikawa, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.F.P.

Dr. Morikawa has been practicing family medicine for 24 years with areas of interest including: in-patient management, global health, bedside education and primary care in post-conflict communities. He serves many roles in the department of family medicine at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Medical Center including course director for the annual international track workshop, director for in-patient service and director of the global health track.

As director of the global health track for the residency program, Morikawa has developed an integrated global health curriculum including a yearly two-week workshop on global health and recurrent journal clubs. Residents from all around Cleveland and the state contact him to participate in this track.

Morikawa is also responsible for creating a 600-plus page global health handbook entitled, *International Health Handbook: Guidebook to Family Medicine International Health Track*, that contains core content, key resources and bibliographic material.

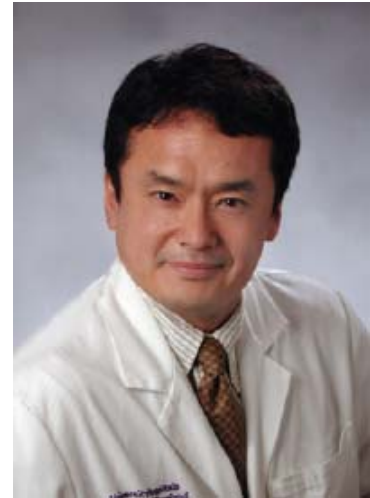
Among other factors, Morikawa was chosen for his experience and expertise abroad. He has traveled to Afghanistan, Vietnam, Guatemala, Nepal, Honduras and the Balkans training and sharing his knowledge and skills with family physicians and health care workers.

Not only has Morikawa had an impact overseas sharing his knowledge to the world, he has been a role model for his students and residents in Ohio.

"Dr. Morikawa is an inspirational leader in that he not only talks the talk, he walks the walk," said Dr. George Kikano, nominator and chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Case Medical Center.

"Whether we had 30 seconds or an hour, he taught. He expanded my knowledge and challenged my understanding of medical concepts every time. He improved my weaknesses and fostered my strengths. The lessons I have learned from him have shaped my professional development and life. His love for patients is genuine. His passion for the potential of family medicine is boundless. His commitment to education is immeasurable. His impact on my life goes beyond the words of this recommendation letter," explained Hisam Goueli, M.D., a past student of Morikawa.

Morikawa and his wife, Hikari, reside in Pepper Pike, Ohio.



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