

Event Announcement



Surgical Implant Generation Network presents

Providing Fracture Care for the People of Afghanistan

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Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00pm
The Signature Center at 451 Hills Street, Richland, WA

In a country plagued with political and economic instability, poverty, and drought, Afghans are in critical need of modern healthcare. Evidence of this need can be seen in the Department of State report which asserts that life expectancy in Afghanistan is 46 years for men and 42 years for women and the infant mortality rate is 166 out of 1,000 live births.

Orthopedic care in Afghanistan is outdated and insufficient to meet the needs of injured patients. Successive wars have plagued this country since the late 1970s, leaving behind a generation of the population uneducated. Remaining educational materials within this country date back to before this time of war. During a 15-day trip in January, Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle Jr. and Jeanne Dillner established SIGN programs in Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital and Central ANA Hospital in Kabul by training local trauma surgeons in modern orthopedic surgical technique. Surgical tools and implants designed and manufactured by SIGN were donated to these hospitals. The delight of these Afghani surgeons in having this new tool gives them hope for changing the future of fracture care in Afghanistan. Come and hear more about the reality of the situation in Kabul and how SIGN is changing lives and inspiring hope in people living in this fractured nation.

This event is free to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Jennifer at 509.317.1107 or at jennifer@sign-post.org. To learn more about SIGN, please visit our website at www.sign-post.org. Click the following link for directions to [The Signature Center](#).

