

Dear Esteemed ASCLS Member,

I am honored to extend an invitation to you to represent the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science as a member of the ASCLS Delegation to Cuba, October 9-14, 2017. The purpose of the delegation is to meet with our Cuban counterparts to learn about the challenges and advances in healthcare delivery at all levels in Cuba. As a past Immediate Past President of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, I feel privileged to have been selected to lead this delegation and invite you to join me in this unique opportunity.

The goals of the delegation and initial topics of discussion for the meetings and site visits have been preliminarily identified as the following:

- Development of Health Care in Cuba
- Approach to trauma – what is Cuba’s position? Trauma System development in the US
- Quality and Value in the delivery of health care
- Public Health, priorities (prevention of disease, maternal-fetal and infant care, etc.) in Cuba
- Financing of Health Care in Cuba. Contrasting two approaches (US and Cuba)
- Cancer Care, Centers of Excellence and population health. A paradox?

Delegates will participate in professional meetings and site visits each day; the interests and composition of the team will determine the final meetings and topics for discussion. Please see the attached Preliminary Schedule of Activities.

This delegation will be travelling under OFAC regulation 31 CFR §515.564 General license for professional research. This license supports our access to the highest level professionals in Cuba. Each member of the delegation must be in compliance with the General License issued by OFAC authorizing full-time professionals to conduct a full-time schedule of research activities in Cuba with the likelihood that this research will be publicly disseminated. To ensure compliance, each participant in the program will be required to provide a resume and sign an affidavit attesting to his or her status as a full-time professional, paid or unpaid, in the field of research.

For those interested in having a guest join you in Cuba during the professional delegation, Professionals Abroad will arrange a limited guest program offering accommodation, airfare,

transfers, and dinners with the delegates. The guest program is available only for a delegate's spouse or immediate family member.

This delegation will convene in Miami, Florida on October 9, 2017 at which time we will depart for Cuba, returning to the United States on October 14, 2017. Travel arrangements will be arranged through our cooperation with Professionals Abroad, a division of Academic Travel Abroad. Please refer to the program overview attached to your email for program details including cost, guest travel, and a sample itinerary. If you have any additional questions regarding the delegation, please contact our Program Representative at Professionals Abroad, at 1-877-298-9677.

For U.S. citizens, expenses associated with this program may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. You should consult with a tax advisor to determine if tax deductibility is applicable to you.

Due to the extensive planning and communication involved in coordinating a program of this nature, please respond with your intentions regarding this invitation as soon as possible. Please RSVP to Professionals Abroad at 1-877-298-9677 or click [here](#) to be directed to your enrollment website. You can also visit www.professionalsabroad.org and search for your delegation using "American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science." A \$500 deposit is required to reserve your place on the team. In the event that you are unable to accept this invitation, an alternate delegate candidate will be invited. You may also recommend a colleague as your alternate for the program. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation.

I believe that this opportunity will be both personally and professionally rewarding and I am pleased to be involved in this exciting opportunity. I strongly encourage you to consider participating in the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Delegation to Cuba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Snyderman".

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ASCLS Immediate Past President