

Dr. Ahmed Aoude

“The International Orthopaedic Surgery Committee, McGill University”

Created by Drs. Aoude and Eric Lenczner, the **International Orthopaedic Surgery Committee** allows residents and staff at McGill University to give back to the global community through volunteer orthopaedic missions which help improve orthopaedic care around the world.

Ahmed was pleased to be the recipient of the 2017 award, and committed to seeing the project succeed. He says, “Missions planned by the Committee will provide a unique learning and teaching experience, and provide participating team members with an opportunity to give back in Canada as well as abroad. I’m grateful to receive the 2017 Bones and Phones scholarship in recognition of my role in the creation of the Committee. In future we hope to collaborate with healthcare professionals in other subspecialties, such as general surgery, obstetrics, paediatrics and internal medicine, to help as many people as possible in as many countries as possible.”

The Committee’s first mission took place in January 2017 when they partnered with *Team Broken Earth* to send a group of healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurses, physiotherapists and respiratory technicians, to Haiti. While there the team treated patients in need, and shared their knowledge and expertise with Haitian medical professionals through clinics, operating rooms, and educational lectures. Ahmed noted, “The operations will affect the patient directly, but the teaching during and outside the surgery will improve overall healthcare in Haiti and positively impact the entire community.”

The project also affords Ahmed and his colleagues a chance to learn in another environment, and to bring their learnings back to Canada.