

Dr. Mitch, EMA Program Director, talks about the impact of training students in the laboratory to better diagnose patients.

"Having a well-equipped lab, teaching the students how to use it, and giving them enough experience to become confident in interpreting the results greatly improves their ability to make an accurate diagnosis. Lab, for example, not only gives us a better perspective on the prevalence of anemia in the surrounding area, but it also gives us clues on what causes it in our patient population. The diagnosis of many of the infectious diseases seen in remote areas is greatly facilitated with a relatively cheap lab test, ultrasound or X-ray. Thus, having access to a lab and imaging equipment and then knowing how to use it, is a huge boost to the PA's confidence and their ability to determine a diagnosis." - Dr. Mitch

