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Hello!

I am a proud graduate of the UCLA SOM Class of 1998, currently serving in the US Army in Iraq.

As you are probably aware, Iraq's medical system became very isolated during the last decade of Saddam's regime. Iraqi doctors are working very hard to restore their medical system, and especially their medical education system at all levels and all fields, including ancillary services. They are consistently grateful for donations of any medical textbooks or journals. Sadly, anything since 1994 is considered current here. While Iraq's doctors would love to take greater advantage of all that is available on the Internet, the lack of electricity, slow access, and limited availability make it difficult for most students and doctors to access Internet resources.

If there is any way you could help to request donations of medical books and journals, we would be ever so grateful.

Until 31 July 2007, donations can be sent to:

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Again, thank you very much for helping us to support Iraq's doctors and to rebuild their healthcare system.

Sincerely,

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