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Dr. Krakauer is Assistant Professor of Medicine and of Global Health & Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a practicing internist and palliative medicine specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital where he also co-chairs the clinical ethics committee. Dr. Krakauer has been teaching in Vietnam since 2001 when he founded the Vietnam-CDC-Harvard Medical School AIDS Partnership (VCHAP, now called HAIVN) to provide training and technical assistance in HIV/AIDS treatment to Vietnam's physicians and nurses in partnership with the Ministry of Health and thereby to help enable introduction and scale-up of anti-retroviral therapy.

As Director of International Programs at the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care since 2005, Dr. Krakauer has assisted Vietnam's Ministry of Health and major cancer centers and general hospitals to integrate pain relief and palliative care into the country's cancer care and overall healthcare systems. He and his team have trained over 1000 Vietnamese clinicians in pain relief and palliative care and provided technical assistance with palliative care policy development, accessibility of morphine and other essential palliative medicines, and implementation of clinical programs. In addition, he works with Partners In Health (PIH), a charitable organization based in Boston, to integrate pain relief and palliative care into PIH's pioneering cancer treatment programs for the rural poor in Rwanda, Malawi, and Haiti.

The curricula in palliative medicine that Dr. Krakauer created for developing countries have been translated into Vietnamese, Russian, and French, and adapted for use in East Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Haiti. As a faculty member of the International Palliative Care Leadership Development Initiative, he has mentored emerging leaders in palliative care in Vietnam and Bangladesh. He also has served on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin based International Pain Policy Fellowship since its inception in 2006. In that role, he has mentored colleagues in Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Rwanda to improve access to opioid pain medicines.

He recently was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Vietnam. Dr. Krakauer serves as a Consultant to the International Palliative Care Initiative of the Open Society Foundations and as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Hospice & Palliative Care. His current research focuses on clinical and policy aspects of palliative care for poor and medically underserved populations around the world and on clinical and ethical issues in end-of-life care.