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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF INDIA

Florida Skin Center's Shirisha Vallarapu, a board-certified physician assistant, has been accepted into a medical volunteer program called Passion to Heal. In April, Vallarapu will spend 10 days in India's states of Rajasthan and Udaipur, as well as the Araveli Range, where she will dermatologically evaluate children and villagers in makeshift clinics developed by ME to WE, a social enterprise that works to transform local and global communities through the empowerment of people. Vallarapu is one of approximately 20 Americans out of hundreds of applicants who were invited to serve. All accepted physician assistants must have completed physician-assistant training and have relevant experience in the field of dermatology. Vallarapu has a diplomate status from the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants, as well as extensive training in routine biopsies, excisions, vascular treatments, dermal filler, BOTOX Cosmetic injections and laser hair removal. In June 2017, she was selected by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants as one of 50 physician assistants in the U.S. who are making a difference in health care. In addition to working at Florida Skin Center for 14 years, Vallarapu has assisted in the practice's charity-based efforts and educational awareness, including community and peer lectures on the importance of skin health. She received her master's degree in medical science and Bachelor of Science degree in physician assistant studies from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.