Before coming to PA school I worked as a lab technician at the International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) in the country’s city capital, Dhaka. I assisted in DNA extraction and amplification of different parasites and viruses. We were attempting to identify the organisms present in the stool of children under 2 year’s old living in slums in and around Dhaka. Many different studies were being conducted using the data we were collecting. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was helping fund an investigation on the efficacy of a new rotavirus vaccine. The National Institute of Health funded multiple projects including the natural history of cryptosporidiosis in these children and its association with malnutrition. The article attached details the first prospective study of *Entamoeba histolytica* infections among children living in a slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh over the first 2 years of life. It details the rates of infection with the parasite *E. histolytica*, the association of passive and active acquired immunity on amebiasis and the association of parasite burden on symptoms. This was an amazing, eye opening experience and one that I wouldn’t change for the world. I hope to return to Dhaka or a similar environment in the future to assist with research as well as provide clinical skills as a PA-C.

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