

Suzanne Brown, CRNA

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To Whom It May Concern:

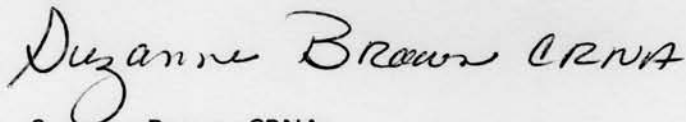
For the past two and half decades I have been working with the AANA and Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) in the global health arena. The goal has been to provide services and most importantly training in nurse anesthesia in developing countries. As an outgrowth of over twenty five years of working with anesthesia providers in other countries and I am pleased to write a letter supporting funding of the Open-Source Anesthesia Electronic Medical Record (OSAEMR).

One element missing from many anesthesia departments is a standardized electronic medical record. Laos Friends Children's Hospital, Lauang Probang, Laos open their new hospital in 2016 with iPad based electronic records, an exciting new step in S.E. Asia. They do not have an electronic anesthesia record. Other hospitals I have worked with do not have electronic records but would significantly benefit from that upgrade. HVO recently ran a training program in Belize that would have benefited significantly from a product like OSAEMR.

OSAEMR, because it will be free (critical in many of these hospitals) and requires only an iPad (with no internet connection necessary) to complete, will meet many needs in training and developing anesthesia departments. Once we can provide CRNAs with the ability to digitally document their care, we will be then be able to compile data showing the excellence and effectiveness of our volunteer efforts - for the benefit of those we serve. This data would be vital in helping those departments develop quality improvement programs and improve statical data collection to support progress on WHO guidelines.

I look forward to working with the OSAEMR Board as they move forward with the production version, and encourage and support of any and all funding efforts on their behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Brown CRNA".

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