



Honduras Outreach Trip: October 6-13, 2018

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Our team arrived to Honduras on October 6th. On Sunday, October 7th we screened more than 200 patients and scheduled for surgeries for the coming week. Our team comprised of 24 members: 3 general surgeons, 1 pediatric surgeon, 1 oncologist gynecologist, 1 hand surgeon together with 3 residents (1 from Japan, 1 from LSU and 1 from Philadelphia) We had 5 anesthesiologists & 5 CRNA's and we also had social workers, ICU nurses & ancillary staff. We ended up doing 147 surgeries during this week comprising gynecology surgery, urology surgery, general surgery, pediatric surgery & hand surgeries.

While there, medical students were of great help, they were involved from the very first day translating and documenting in the charts. Later on, they accompanied patients to the operating room and acted as the translator between surgeons and personnel, they made rounds with us every day consistently. We taught them how to put sutures in patients & minor part of surgery and they were extremely happy with this experience. For the coming year, we are going to arrange for general surgeon for interested practitioners & personnel to have an educational symposium to add some educational benefits to this trip.

