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Guatemala Outreach | Guatemala City

July 2018

The mission was carried out by Prof. Juan Sanabria (USA) and Prof. Mariano Giménez (Argentina).

Objectives:

1. To participate in the 44 Congress of Surgery organized by the Guatemala Society of Surgery and bring together de Guatemala Chapter of AHPBA and the Guatemala Society of Surgery.
2. To take part in various activities involving surgeons, residents, nursing staff at Public and Private Hospitals in Guatemala City.
3. To perform and train local surgeons on modern HPB techniques.

Activities:

1. Dr. Sanabria and Dr. Gimenez made 6 presentations at the Congress. Within the Congress, the Guatemala Chapter of AHPBA organized an event to honor its founders and announce the hand over the presidency to a new leadership.
2. Patient rounds were made and case discussions with surgeons and residents were held at two hospitals in Guatemala City:
Hospital General de Enfermedades. Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social led by Dr. Leonardo Douglas and David Porras.
Hospital Privado Nuestra Señora del Pilar led by Dr. Erick Soto and Dr. Estuardo Paiz.
3. Biliary drainages were carried out with local surgeons and radiologists and a Duodenopancreatectomy was planned but it was finally cancelled due to logistical problems. Also, a hands on course on ablation therapies (RFA and MWA) was organized by the Chapter where surgeons were able to practice these techniques.

The mission was very successful in supporting the local Chapter and integrating it with the general surgeons community. It was also very useful for young surgeons to be in contact with modern surgical procedures and techniques.

Mariano E. Giménez MD, PhD

Honduras Outreach | Makati Medical Center

October 2018

Our team comprised of Dr. Quyen Chu, Dr. Awe, Ms. Christen Lummus and me representing AHPBA in collaboration with World Surgical Foundation. In brief, our team arrived in Honduras on October 6th. On Sunday, October 7th we screened more than 200 patients and scheduled 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 great help, they were involved from the very first day translating and documenting in the charts. Later, 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.

This was a wonderful and gratifying mission, and everyone came back happy and looking forward to the next.

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