

## AHPBA & CB-CHPB Mission Trip | Mato Grosso, Brazil

December 2018

Dear colleagues,

It's my privilege to report the successful outcome of our first Brazilian AHPBA's Outreach Mission (December 13th - 14th, 2018). The Brazilian College of Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery (CB-CHPB) merged with AHPBA fully supported the mission and helped the HPB team from the city of Cuiabá, in the state of Mato Grosso / Brazil to receive our team of surgeons. It was locally coordinated by Dr. Michelli Daltro.

The main goal was to help promoting local progress of dedicated HPB surgical care to local patients in need.

Those patients were operated on at the Hospital Geral de Cuiabá, and the surgical teams included local surgeons and residents. Operative procedures included HCC radio frequency ablation, giant hepatic cyst resection, lap cholecystectomy, percutaneous biliary drainage and iatrogenic biliary injury repair. All cases were discussed in detail on the second day, during an HPB Symposium. Also, our surgeons provided small conferences regarding HPB topics and had a very nice chat with the attending surgeons, residents and students. Fortunately, all patients did well after surgery and all participants interacted in a very friendly atmosphere. Local hospital and surgical teams could improve their skills regarding treating complex HPB diseases. AHPBA and CB-CHPB will continue to support these and other dedicated HPB teams. We thank Dr. Felipe Coimbra for the initiative to start these mission efforts in Brazil. We also want to highlight the local leadership of Dr. Michelli Daltro's and give thanks for the very kind hospitality.

### First Brazilian Outreach Mission - Cuiabá team:

Dr. Felipe Coimbra - Brasil  
Dr. Michelli Daltro - Brasil  
Dr. Claudemiro Quireze Jr. - Brasil  
Dr. Agnaldo Soares Lima - Brasil  
Dr. Lúcio Kenny Morais - Brasil  
Dr. Lee Thompson - USA  
Dr. Leandro Dutra - Brasil  
Dr. Alexandre Maitelli - Brasil  
Dr. Mário Bernardes - Brasil

## Philippines Outreach | Makati Medical Center

February 2019

Dear Colleagues,

I am very happy to report our fact-finding mission to Manila, Philippines was very productive. They were great hosts and went out of their ways to make sure everything went well. Our colleagues from the Philippines are very interested in establishing a Liver Transplant Program and I gave the following lectures; "Establishing a Liver Transplant Program: The Essentials", "Pancreatic Resection in the Era of Minimal Invasive Surgery" and "Update in Liver Transplantation".

During our stay we visited all major institutions in Manilla. Also, we visited with the Philippines Undersecretary of health and who oversees Transplantation and Organ Recovery.

In summary, there is significant surgical talent and potential in Philippines. I believe that with adequate support, we can help the people of Philippines to become independent in area of HPB and Transplantation Surgery.

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