

Health Equity: Creating Access to Oculoplastic Surgery in Honduras

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In Honduras

- 10 million people
- **One oculoplastic surgeon per 3.3 million people.**
- LONG waiting lists for oculoplastic surgeries.



NEED:

MORE oculofacial plastic and orbital surgery

RESPONSE:

NEW oculofacial plastics fellowship

1 year fellowship:

- *Functional, reconstructive and aesthetic procedures
- *It takes place in the largest public ophthalmological hospital, International rotation in Bascom Palmer Hospital and Central Florida Eye Specialist
- *The application is done online
- *There is daily contact with patients and the opportunity to perform different types of surgical techniques
- *Participation of different mentors from the United States, Mexico and Honduras allows for rich learning full of different details in each surgical technique.
- *There is a stipend received monthly

MY EXPERIENCE:

- More than 700 individual procedures
- In the Fellowship we did surgeries such as blepharoplasties, ectropion and ectropion correction, ptosis, skin/orbital biopsy, DCR, reconstructions, among others.
- This year is full of learning, advice and opportunities to improve the patient's quality of life.

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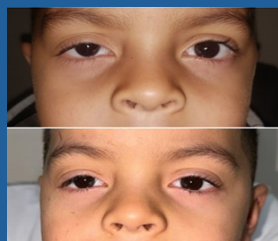
NEW OCULO-FACIAL PLASTICS FELLOWSHIP INCREASING ACCESS TO CARE IN HONDURAS

Sponsoring Organization



Location of Fellowship

Hospital San Felipe, Tegucigalpa, Honduras



GLOBAL HEALTH IMPACT

* Increasing access to timely care, diagnostic tests, and medical-surgical treatments for patients in need of Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, without discrimination based on economic status, origin, race, gender, or age in Honduras.

CHALLENGES

- One public hospital in the entire country
 - Patients need to travel more than 8 hours to attend
 - Surgery can take months or years to be scheduled.
- Limited access to all the necessary equipment
- Untrained staff
- No available OR during extended hours

PATH FORWARD

- Well-trained support team
- EMR with better access to digital files
- Better access to higher level equipment and instruments
- Increased number of doctors trained in oculoplastics and facial surgery

MENTORS



- Dr. Brent Hayek, University of Iowa, North Georgia Eye Associates
- Dr. David Garcia, Hospital Elias Santana,
- Dr. Adam de la Garza, University of Iowa, Emory Healthcare
- Dr. Daniela Salinas, Fundación conde de Valenciana, Mexico, Clinica Santa Lucia.
- Dr. Andrew Anzeljc, Emory University, Batsi Eye Surgeons
- Dr. Chris Fleming, Barret Haik, MD, FACS, The University of Tennessee
- Dr. Joon Kim, University of Utah, Moran Eye Center
- Dra. Sara Tullis Wester, Harvard Medical School, Bascom Palmer eye Institute
- Dra. Krishna Patel Emory University, Rush University Medical Center
- .Dr. Joseph Licht, Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Dr. Evan Black, University of North Carolina, Southfield Troy
- Dr. Ryan Scruggs, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine, Central Florida Eye Specialist
- Dr. Thomas Bersani, University of Michigan Medical School, St. Joseph's health NYC
- Dr. Amadi, University of Washington Medical Center, Amadi Aesthetics
- Dr. Parag Gandhi, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Maryland from the Duke Eye Center of Winston-Salem
- Dr. Vicente Vike, George Washington University and Childrens, Eye doctor, Eye doctor of Washington