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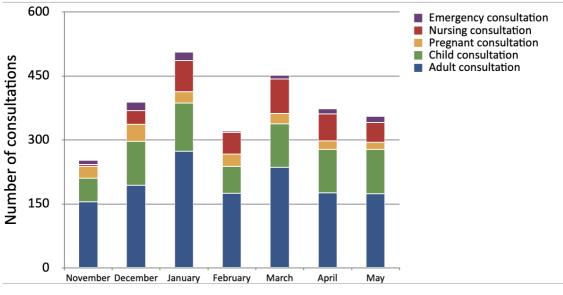
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Statistics First Half Year Hospital San Miguel

By now the first six months of opening have been completed and data can be established.

It was a little nerve-racking on Monday 8 November at 8 o'clock in the morning when the doors opened for the very first time: will there already be patients?! There were! A pregnant woman wanted a check up of her pregnancy. Since then we never questioned whether patients would arrive: they kept arriving, often many at a time. Below a short overview of the statistics of the first 6 months of providing health care in Hospital San Miguel.

Total number of consultations: 2649.



Number of consultations per month, subdevided into types.

Professor Martin Grobusch of the Amsterdam UMC travels to Puerto el Carmen

Professor Tropical Medicine and Travel Medicine helps with professionalising the laboratory.

At the beginning of May Martin Grobusch visited txhe Hospital San Miguel. Grobusch is professor of Tropical Medicine and Travel Medicine at the Amsterdam UMC. Tropical health care doctors Carolien and Jacob have known Grobusch from a collaboration in Sierra Leone during the West African Ebola outbreak.



Jacob's PhD supervisor and helps with making the Hospital San



researchers. A fruitful visit: this leading university will also

contribute to the scientific research and therefore, the

Miguel's laboratory more professional. In just under a week we established the current situation of the laboratory; where we would like to go from here and how we will get there. Scientific research will play a substantial part in this. The common aim: improving the health of the inhabitants within the research area. Grobusch and Jacob travelled to Quito together to meet with the dean of scientific research of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito as well as some

health care for the people of Putumayo.

"One of my biggest aims is to continue my own development within this field"

Every neswletter a staff member will introduce oneself. This newsletter: Andrea Diaz Saenz

Together with Rosa and Martha, Andrea forms the trio that is employed at Hospital San Miguel since the very first day. And with great success! Andrea is a wonderful assistant nurse with an eye for the finest detail. Ze is very meticulous, makes suggestions for the improvement of care and would like to train to become a nurse. She finds all topics interesting but has special attention for nutrition. Together with her colleague Gladys she has put up instructions on the pinboard in her consultation room that show what healthy nutrition looks like. She is not hesitant in pointing this out to both patients and colleagues. She considers it a fact that exercise is a vital part of healthy living. It goes without saying that she is present every Wednesday afternoon at the sports exercise class that is given for and by the Hospital San Miguel.



Contractor Elvis starts training to become a nurse

Quina Care tries to improve everyone's situation through more than just health care.

Apart from providing high quality health care, Quina Care also considers it important to offer opportunities for people to improve their lives. For example through education. Someone who, without a doubt, has proven themselves capable these past years is contractor Elvis. Elvis has been leading all the building and renovation projects at the hospital since the summer of 2019. He has shown himself to be honest, open and kind. Someone who is a true team player.

It's been a dream of Elvis to work in health care. Now, with the completion of Hospital San Miguel, he finds himself close to health care again which caused a revival of this dream. After many conversations and deliberations Elvis is now certain: he would like to become a nurse and work at Hospital San Miguel.

It goes without saying that Elvis needs to retrain and Quina Care has started looking for financing for this course. GNAP, a foundation that commits itself to the promotion of education in developing countries has taken on the entire funding for this course in nursing. Amazing!

The course will take place in Lago Agrio at a branch of a university in Quito. Students will study during the evenings on weekdays and will have practical sessions on Saturday and Sunday in Lago Agrio. From Monday until Friday Elvis is employed as a contractor, in the evenings and weekends he will be an enthusiastic student.



Walking walking walking



Doctor Ellen and partner Gerrit are walking the 'Nijmeegse Vierdaagse' (a four day march).

Volunteer-doctor Pieter Staarink will hand over to a new volunteer-doctor in August: Ellen van Goor. Ellen is a Dutch doctor with experience in gynaecology, emergency health care and youth health care and she will similarly support Hospital San Miguel for a period of six months.

Before they leave for Ecuador Ellen and her partner will complete the Nijmeegse Vierdaagse from 19 until 22 July. For the first time! Their aim is to raise enough money to fund a 3-month salary of the newly appointed Ecuadorian doctor Paola.

<u>Here</u> you can check the already raised amount and possibly make a donation yourself. Quina Care wishes the couple the best of luck!



Annual Report 2021

Quina Care grows after the opening of the Hospital San Miguel and the annual report grows equally.

2021 was an unforgettable year for Quina Care: Hospital San Miguel finally opened its doors! But there are more milestones reached in 2021. The annual report of 2021 looks back at these events and looks forward to the plans of 2022.

You can read it (in Dutch!) in your own time <u>here</u>.





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