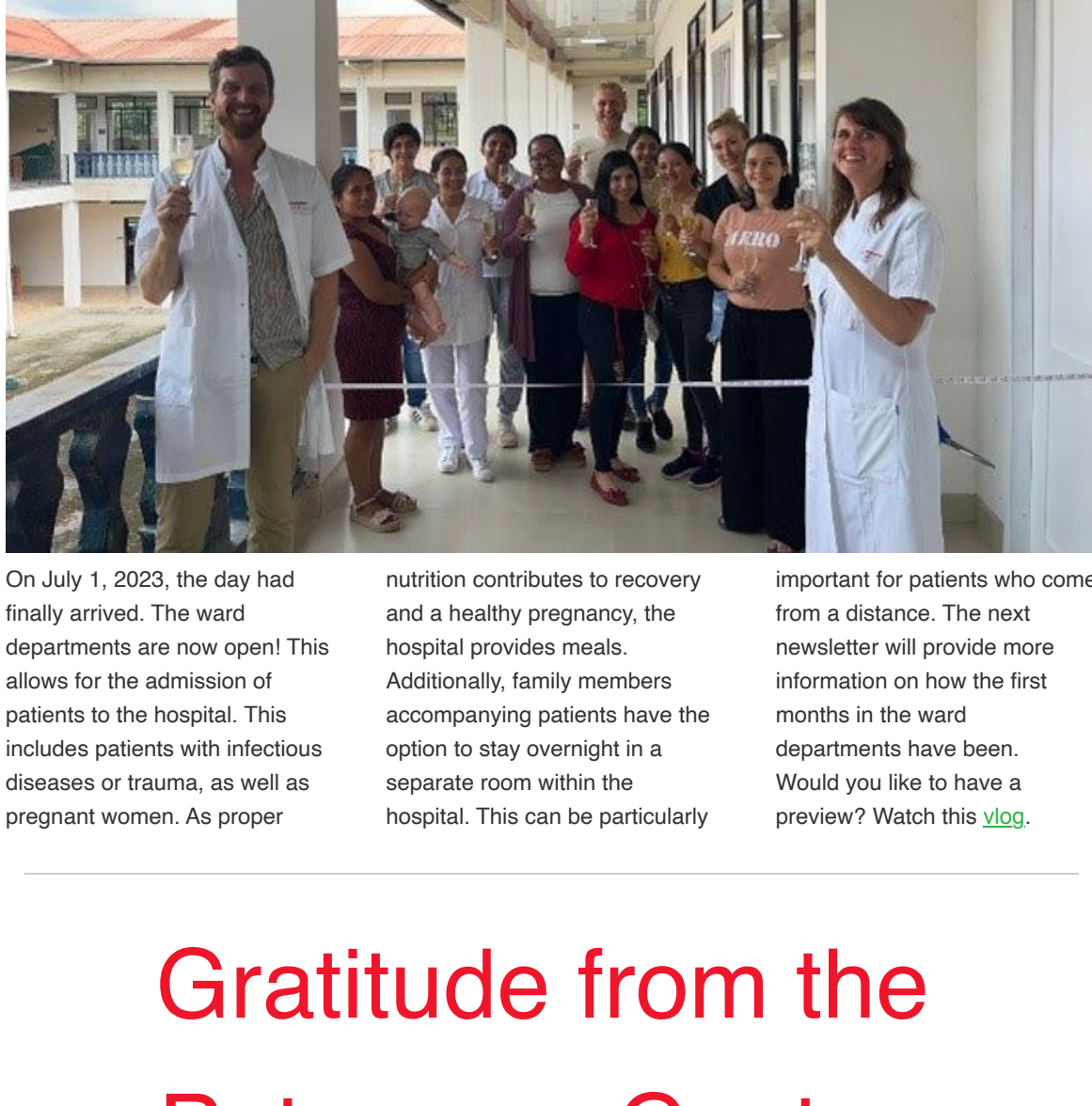


Opening of the Ward Departments

From now on, it's possible to admit patients.



On July 1, 2023, the day had finally arrived. The ward departments are now open! This allows for the admission of patients to the hospital. This includes patients with infectious diseases or trauma, as well as pregnant women. As proper

nutrition contributes to recovery and a healthy pregnancy, the hospital provides meals. Additionally, family members accompanying patients have the option to stay overnight in a separate room within the hospital. This can be particularly

important for patients who come from a distance. The next newsletter will provide more information on how the first months in the ward departments have been. Would you like to have a preview? Watch this [vlog](#).

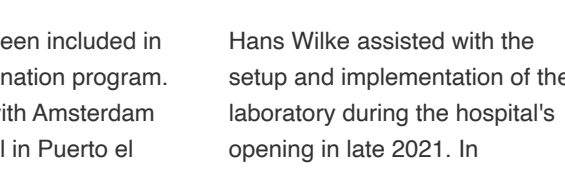
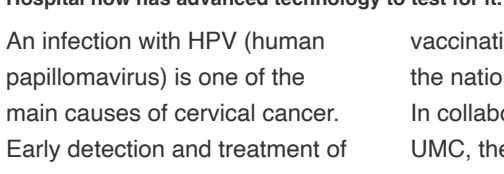
Gratitude from the Putumayo Canton

Putumayo Canton thanks Hospital San Miguel for its contribution to healthcare.

On April 30, 2023, the Putumayo Canton, of which Puerto el Carmen is a part, celebrated its 54th anniversary. During the festivities in Puerto el Carmen, Jacob van der

Ende, the executive director of Hospital San Miguel, received a message of gratitude. On behalf of the canton, the mayor of Puerto el Carmen expressed appreciation for the hospital's

work in improving the health of vulnerable people in the region. It is an honor to receive this recognition!



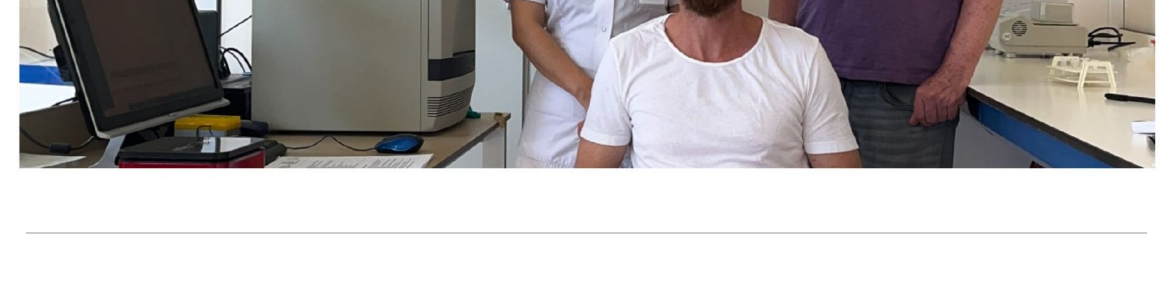
HPV Infection and its Importance

Hospital now has advanced technology to test for it.

An infection with HPV (human papillomavirus) is one of the main causes of cervical cancer. Early detection and treatment of HPV can prevent the development of cervical cancer. In the Netherlands, HPV testing is performed during a cervical screening as part of the national cervical cancer screening program. Additionally, HPV

vaccination has been included in the national vaccination program. In collaboration with Amsterdam UMC, the hospital in Puerto el Carmen now has the capability to test for HPV. This is part of Jacob van der Ende's research project, which he conducts in his own time. The hospital now has a PCR machine, which can detect HPV using this technique.

Hans Wilke assisted with the setup and implementation of the laboratory during the hospital's opening in late 2021. In February 2023, he visited the hospital again and helped introduce the PCR technique, including training the staff. The next newsletter will provide more information about the utilization of this technology.



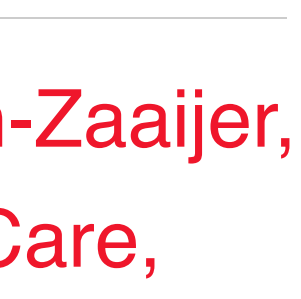
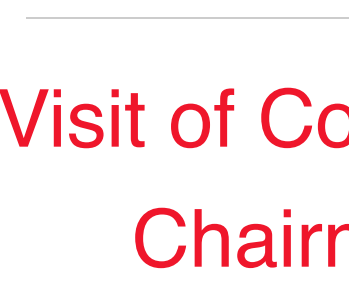
Introduction of the First Ecuadorian Doctor, Pao

The exact path I want to pursue will be determined along the way.

In previous newsletters, local staff members introduced themselves. This time, it's Pao's turn. Since May 2022, she has been working as the first Ecuadorian doctor in the hospital.

"Let me introduce myself: I am Andrea Paola Tenorio Chamba, better known as Pao. I was born in Quito but grew up in Loja. I graduated as a general physician three years ago from the prestigious Central University of

Ecuador. Since then, during my search for a stable job, I have had both good and bad experiences, but I have learned something from each one of them." Read more [here](#).



Visit of Cootje Bouwman-Zaaijer, Chairman of Quina Care, to Puerto el Carmen

The enthusiasm and solidarity... it's beautiful to see!

During the opening of the hospital in November 2021, all three board members were present. It was then that they realized how valuable it is to see everything up close. It also provided them with motivation to continue their work for Quina Care upon returning home. When board members visit the hospital, they do so at their own expense. In May 2023, Cootje Bouwman-Zaaijer, Chairman of Quina Care, visited the

hospital. She is pleased to share her experiences with you.

"In April, I had the opportunity to visit our hospital in Puerto el Carmen again. As luck would have it, just two days after my arrival, I was able to join the team. We visited a small village for malaria and HPV research. The malaria was only accessible by boat, a one-and-a-half-hour downstream journey. The entire local staff, from cleaners to

doctors, were given the opportunity to join us on their day off, which was a Saturday. And everyone showed up, which was so wonderful to see — the enthusiasm and collaboration on-site. Everyone rolled up their sleeves. It felt like a team outing! Seeing the hospital with my own eyes again was also heartwarming. Since my last visit during the..." Read more [here](#).



I DO project

Students from Erasmus University complete a valuable project.

In August 2022, Quina Care was approached by the Rotterdam School of Management at Erasmus University to become a partner in the I DO project. This project involves assigning groups of students to NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to contribute in a positive way, for example, in financial or strategic areas, as consultants. This was

mentioned in the February 2023 newsletter. Quina Care was assigned a group of students consisting of Chiara Gavazzi Rodriguez, Edward Geels, Franka Thum, Szabza Noorani, and Blanka Kizma. The students concluded that Quina Care has a highly committed team, a dedicated professional culture, and provides professional healthcare. To maintain financial stability, it is

important to continue receiving donations, with social media playing an important role. The students have written an adapted marketing plan that contributes to this goal.

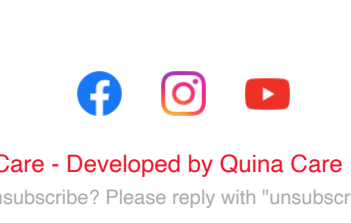
Quina Care is grateful for their invaluable contribution and the pleasant and professional collaboration!



Visit of Dirk Houtman to Puerto el Carmen

From providing training in the emergency department to becoming a confidentiality person.

In November 2021, Dirk Houtman came across Quina Care and the hospital in Ecuador on the LinkedIn. This sparked his enthusiasm, leading him to reach out and discuss the possibility of contributing as an emergency department doctor to the hospital. An offer that was gratefully accepted. In March 2023, Dirk travelled to Puerto el Carmen. During his time at the hospital, he observed the care in the emergency department in order to make improvements, provided training to the staff, developed and optimized



to make significant contributions! Due to the positive experience from both sides, Dirk has a new role at Quina Care as a confidentiality person. Until now, Mariska van de Sande, the secretary of Quina Care, has been the confidentiality person for the volunteers. However, as she is also the person responsible for the cooperation agreements with the volunteers, it is more favorable for the volunteers to discuss their issues with someone without that dual role. It is wonderful that Dirk is willing to contribute in this way as well.

protocols, and supported the emergency care. In the two weeks he was there, he was able

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