

Condensed Peru Site Visit Summary 4.2016

Peru Global Health Project Report

April 16, 2016- April 23, 2016

Personnel

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Acknowledgments

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Phases of Project

1. Site Selection- Fall 2015
2. Identifying Site Contact- Fall/Winter 2015
3. Site Visit – April 16, 2016- current

Site Selection

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Global Health Track has recently established various sites for international rotations. One of the countries recommended to us as a possible site for our Global Health project was Peru. This site showed potential, and the following considerations favored the selection of this site:

- Peace Corps Peru is an established entity in this country, and we have had success in partnering with Peace Corps in previous Global Health projects.
- There is a need for improved access to healthcare in various regions in this country
- UIC COM had positive relationship with a potential site contact, Dr. Luis Vasquez

Site Visit

On April 16, 2016, a team from UIC Med Peds consisting of Dr. Katie Mena, Adriana Herrera PGY3, and Ana Mauro, M4, traveled to Lima, Peru for the initial site visit. In Lima, they met with Dr. Luis Vasquez, a local physician who is now devoted to establishing global health curriculums and exchanges within the medical system in Peru. Dr. Vasquez introduced the team to the country of Peru and the Peruvian health care system. While in Lima, the team also met with faculty from 2 medical schools in Lima: Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and San Martin de Porres and discussed potential collaboration on research and resident education. The team also met with Peace Corp Peru at their headquarters in Lima, each exchanging their models and approach for potential partnership. While Peace Corp Peru does not currently have a volunteer in the Moyobamba/Yantalo area, there is potential partnering with Peace Corp in other regions of the country.

After 3 days in Lima, the team traveled to Moyobamba and Yantalo, smaller communities in northeast Peru. While in the area, the team assessed the local government-funded hospitals in Moyobamba as

well as toured the Yantalo International Clinic. Founded by Dr. Vasquez, the Yantalo Clinic is a private hospital that focuses on performing pediatric surgery cases to the region, regardless of ability for patients and their families to pay. The team concluded their trip meeting members of the local community in Yantalo to identify potential community members that would be invested in partnership.

Currently the team continues to work towards delineating a potential collaboration in Yantalo with Dr. Vasquez, or at an identified location where Peace Corps already has personnel on site, with a focus on community-centered participation.