Manchester University
Medical Practicum

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Purpose

- Educate students
- Involve U.S. health care providers
- Provide health care to underserved people in a less-developed country

Background

- Founded 1981 by Dr. Ed Miller
- 32nd trip; last 22 to Nicaragua; last 6 to Alto Wangki-Bocay
- 40,000 patients seen
- 352 Manchester University student participants
- 110 different health care professionals
- 61 other staff
- 156 students went into health care careers, including 83 physicians and 18 dentists

Student Experience

- Assist healthcare providers
- Interact with patients of all ages
- Serve the host community
- New foods, experience foreign culture, Spanish.
- Journey through mountain, jungle, river, beach, city, village
- Plane, bus, 4wd vehicle, dugout canoe, foot
- Local food, hammocks, latrines, no running water, no electricity
- Earn 3 credit hours

January 2016 – Alto Wangki-Bocay, Nicaragua

- 16 students
- 7 physicians, 1 dentist, 1 pharmacist, 1 dental assistant, 1 lab coordinator, two nurses
- 1731 medical consultations
- 2839 prescriptions filled
- 946 vaccinations given
- 151 dental patients and 256 extractions
- 60 cows, 5 dogs, 113 pigs dewormed
- 924 lab tests performed
- ~$17,000 used for reduced price medicines and medical/dental supplies
- Thousands of dollars’ worth of medicines and medical/dental supplies acquired through donation

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