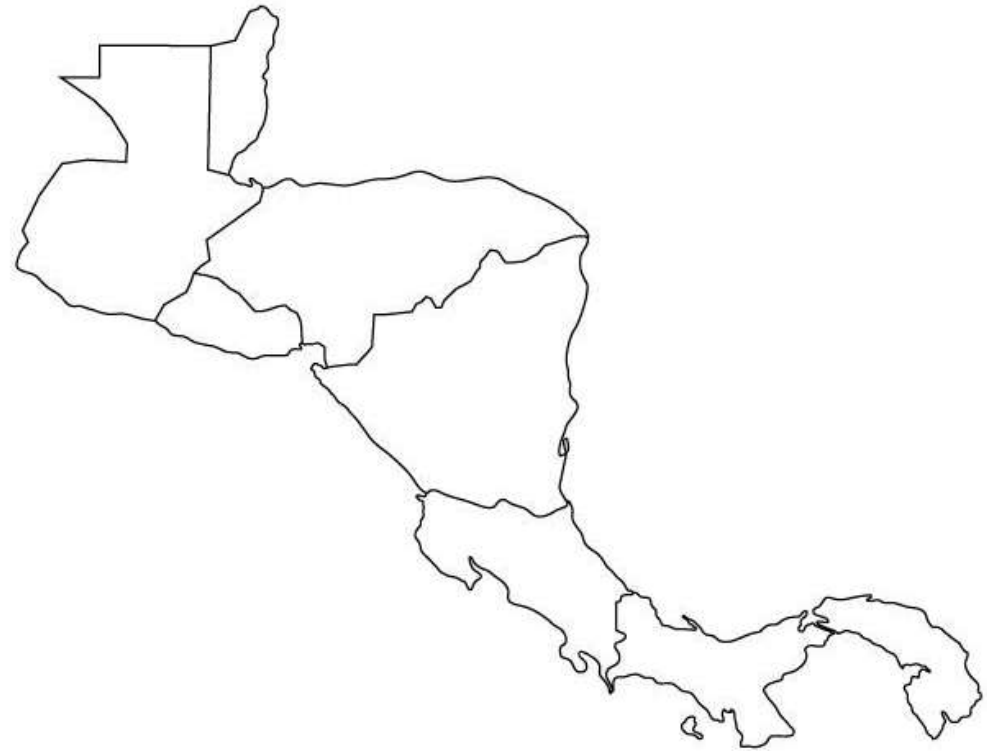


Manchester University Medical Practicum

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Purpose

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

Background

- Founded 1981 by Dr. Ed Miller
- 30th trip; last 20 to Nicaragua; last 4 to Río Coco
- Over 37,000 patients seen
- 321 Manchester University student participants
- 103 different health care professionals
- 52 other staff
- 138 students went into health care careers, including 82 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 2014 – Alto Wangki-Bocay, Nicaragua

- 16 students
- 4 physicians, 1 physician assistant, 1 dentist, 1 nurse practitioner/midwife, 1 pharmacist, 2 nurses, 1 dental assistant, 1 veterinarian
- 1128 medical consultations
- 1927 prescriptions filled
- 126 dental patients and 314 extractions
- 39 cows, 205 dogs, and 197 pigs treated for parasites
- \$12,606 used to purchase reduced price medicines and medical supplies
- Thousands of dollars' worth of medicines and supplies acquired through donation



Manchester University mission and values include developing the understanding of justice, service, integrity, diversity, community, and the “infinite worth of every individual.” The Medical Practicum provides a unique educational experience addressing all these goals.