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International Assistance 2019

Dominican Republic

In 2019, financial assistance provided by the SDMS Foundation enabled Karen Klimas, MS, RT(R), RDMS to travel to Santiago in the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip with the Order of Malta. The team of healthcare professionals set up a clinical camp and saw 500+ adult and pediatric patients.

The Order of Malta, a religious organization similar to the Knights of Columbus, serves communities in remote areas where patients typically have little to no access to care. In isolated areas of the Dominican Republic, people are often diagnosed with hypertension, diabetes and renal disease due to their diet. The community was appreciative of the group’s efforts to bridge the gap and provide desperately needed medical care.

This team was comprised of doctors, medical students, nurses, and sonographers. They also bought much needed supplies donated for the trip. Karen performed ultrasounds in her specialties of OB/GYN, abdomen and vascular, as well as other needed areas to help diagnose patients.

Karen learned of this opportunity from a physician who travels to the Dominican Republic three times a year with the group and decided to accompany them. She plans to return for a future trip so that she can share her expertise and better her skills as a sonographer and a teacher. Karen has been a sonographer for 28 years and currently works as the Clinical Coordinator and Assistant Professor for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Misericordia University.
Mexico

Financial assistance provided by the SDMS Foundation allowed Jaclyn Schmidt, RDCS, a cardiac sonographer, to travel to Valladolid, Mexico to scan patients and train clinicians.

Chosen International Medical Assistance sent the 25-person medical mission group to Valladolid to help patients, develop training programs for staff, and deliver donated medical equipment. Jackie, along with pediatric cardiologist Christopher Lindblade, MD, performed echo, kidney and in utero ultrasounds, and identified three children who needed heart surgery.

Jackie and Dr. Lindblade also held multiple training sessions with the medical director and three nurses at the hospital. The community in Valladolid is so poor that they use limestone to make tortillas. Because of this, many of the patients have kidney stones and urological issues. To ensure the staff has the knowledge they need to treat their patients, the team conducted a four hour training session on how to find the kidney and scan for kidney stones. Other training included the basics of ultrasound, how to use the donated ultrasound machine, and much more.

The team plans to remain in touch with the hospital staff and provide ongoing education by sending lectures and through teleconferences. Jackie hopes to continue to participate and return in the future. Jackie earned her associate’s degree in sonography with a specialty in Echocardiography in 2006 and currently works as Pediatric Cardiac Sonographer at Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

Give Today

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In true Washington, DC style the crustaceans campaigned for the support, trust, votes, and money of the 2019 SDMS Annual Conference attendees.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporting organizations $18,890 was raised for the SDMS Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Clawdia Atwater, the winner of the 2019 SDMS Foundation Crustacean Crawl.
### SDMS FOUNDATION in 2020

In 2020, the SDMS Foundation will continue funding programs that benefit the sonography community.

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### New for 2020

**IDENTIFY and mentor future leaders in sonography through the new Emerging Leaders Program.**

**OFFER** the new Evans Undergraduate Research Grant to a deserving undergraduate student researcher within the field.
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