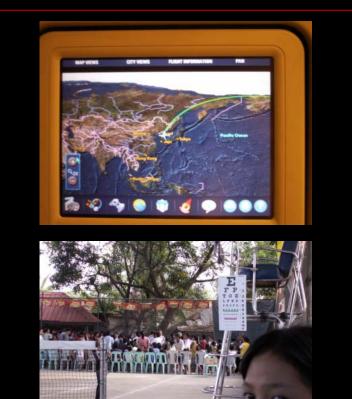
The Philippine Healthcare Experience

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A Phillipino Star?







Interdisciplinary focus

- Pediatrics / general medicine
- Dentistry / optometry
- Surgeons / pharmacist
- "those you can't do without"
 - Construction workers, retired educators, equipment specialist, day care workers, makeup artists, interpreters



Local partnerships

- Hope Hospital local non-for-profit
- My Father's House Orphanage
- Barrio outreach locations
- Host Church
- Supplies
 - Local meds
 - Donated materials

THE NEED

Basic Needs: food, shelter, safety Secondary Needs: *healthcare could be considered a luxury *preventative care

The Pilipino System

- Designed after the US Medicare system
- Benefits not widely understood
- Waiting period after signing up
- Administered through government healthcare

The Pilipino Experience: 55 screenings at the orphanage







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Orphanage Results:

- Screening Components
 - VA
 - Entrance Tests:
 - Pupils, Muscle evaluation, Cover test,
 - Loose Lens Refraction
 - Dilated Examination
 - Glasses sent back to orphanage

55 students

- 3 had spectacle correction
 - 2 had refractive amblyopia and were only recently treated
- 13 needed correction
 - Myopia
 - Astigmatism
 - hyperopia

2 days work in Hope Hospital

- No children
- Cataracts
- Small procedures



The Barrio

Adult Screenings

- Reading glasses needed
- Children only referred from US pediatricians



Screening in the Barrio

- No electrical supplies
- Limited screening
 - VA
 - Handheld battery operated equipment while it lasted
 - Limited distribution of glasses

Barrio Set Up

- Pediatricians
- Internists
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy



- Adults (98%) 2 children presented after seeing pediatrician
 - Frank corneal disease present
- Females outnumbered males 94:6
 - Influences
 - Timing
- Aging Trends:
 - 26-89 with average of 45 (excluding 2 children)

Refractive Trends

- 95% hyperopia (mild) with presbyopia
- When myopia was present, it was considerably high

Vision Needs relative to other services provided:

Dentistry

- Pain
- Pharmacy
 - Pain
 - Monetary gain
 - "need to get something"
- **Pediatrics**
 - Parental concern for sick child
 - Local education on the importance of vitamins

General Medicine

- Pain
- Perceived need
- Expected outcomes
- Vision Care
 - Need driven (reading, close work)
 - Expectations elderly have weak vision
- Hundreds vs. 4,300 patients seen over 4 days

Considerations

- Cultural changes needed to promote vision care
- Access to Care
- Cost of Care

DON'T DRINK THE WATER, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VEGTABLES?!

Personal Experience with the Healthcare System

Dependent on ability to payNot HIPPA Compliant

Competent

Lessons Learned

New perspective

- Public Health
- Reaction to return to US patient care
- Flexibility
- Creativity
- Expect the Unexpected





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