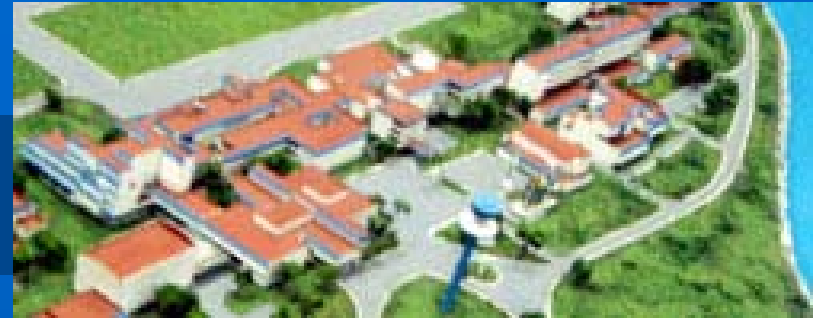


Social Accountability in Medical Education: Cuba's Latin American School of Medicine



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TIMELINE



- ❑ **1999**: Latin American School of Medicine (LASM) opens in Havana, Cuba.
- ❑ **2000**: Congressman from Mississippi asks for Cuba's medical Assistance. Fidel responds.
- ❑ **2001**: First Group of U.S. Students in Havana.
- ❑ **2005**: First U.S. Student Graduates from LASM.
- ❑ **2007**: Eight U.S. Students Graduate.
Approximately 100 U.S. Students in LASM.

Latin American School of Medicine: Curriculum Facts



- It's a six year medical program
- Some students need Pre-Medical training
- First two years: Basic Sciences
- Other four years: Clinical Rotations
- Sixth Year: Internship
- Medical degree in Family Medicine



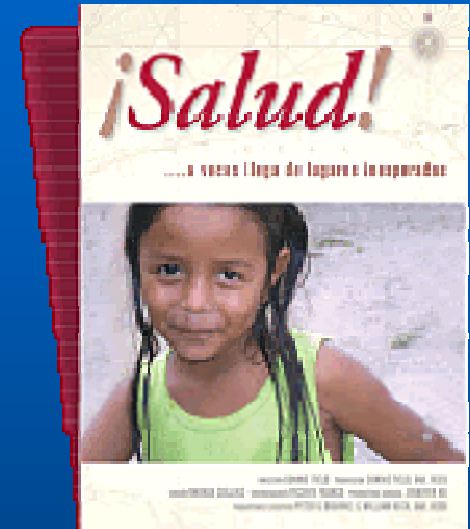
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- Class Projects
- Hands-On Approach
- Student Formed Organizations
- Volunteer Projects
- Extracurricular Activities
- Dengue Epidemic

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 - Recruitment
 - Application Process
 - Expectation after graduation
- **Courses**
 - Core Courses: History of Medicine, Disaster Medicine
 - Elective Courses
- **Class Projects**
 - Disaster Case Study
 - Analysis of Community health care issues



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- **Hands-On Approach**
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 - FIS: Bringing health care to communities around the world- Guatemala, Dominican Republic, New York.
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● Dengue Epidemic

- Throughout the entire epidemic
- Student participation
- 24 hour emergency care
- Prevention and education
- Community and government involvement

● Extra Curricular Activities

- Global Medical Allies
- Volunteer Training
- Honduras Garifuna Project: MEDICC'S Movie "Salud!"



Cuban's Health Care System

- **Primary Care**
 - (Family/Community doctors)
- **Secondary Care**
 - (Polyclinics)
- **Tertiary Care**
 - (Hospitals for OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Surgery, General Medicine, Orthopedics, etc)



Cuban's Health Care System

- Health Promotion (Education)
- Prevention
- Treatment
- Community
- Access to all
- International Work



Conclusions

- ✓ Social Accountability is something that is part of Cuba's medical education
- ✓ One of the Latin American School of Medicine's mission is to train doctors that will be socially accountable
- ✓ Cuba trains physicians to be accountable to both their individual community and the global community
- ✓ LASM graduates are committed to health and human rights



Thank You!

