

Outcomes of an Immersion Experience in the Dominican Republic

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Project Goals

- Provide health care and education to underserved/unserved populations (migrant workers in the bateyes)
- Develop and/or enhance cultural competence of students Miami Dade College in partnership with the Haitian American Professionals Coalition (HAPC), Universidad Central del Este (UCE) and Escuela Básica Alemán
- HAPC consists of 12 Core Member Associations

Educational Benefits to Students

- Provide health screenings and educational opportunities in a different and unique setting
- Create interdisciplinary teamwork
- Enhance cultural awareness and competence
- Expose students to health care practices as well as service-learning in international settings
- Expose students to World Health Organization, Healthy People 2020 - UN Millennium Global Goals

Medical Mission Preparation

Shipped 102 boxes of medical supplies, clothing, shoes and medications



Over 375 backpacks were collected by both ADN and RN-BSN students



MDC, HAPC & UCE Medical Team Cared for 1,098 patients



Batey – Sugarcane Plantations



Orientation & Collaboration



Patient Registration Area



MDC Students in Action



Triage



Conditions Seen



Pharmacy

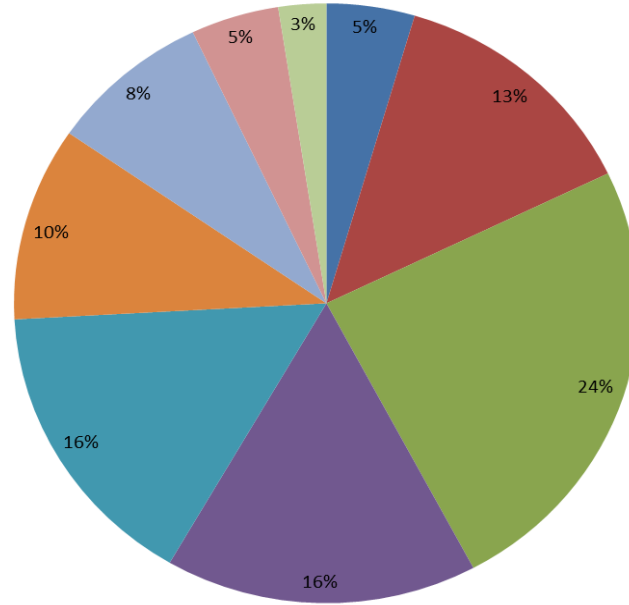


Patient Education



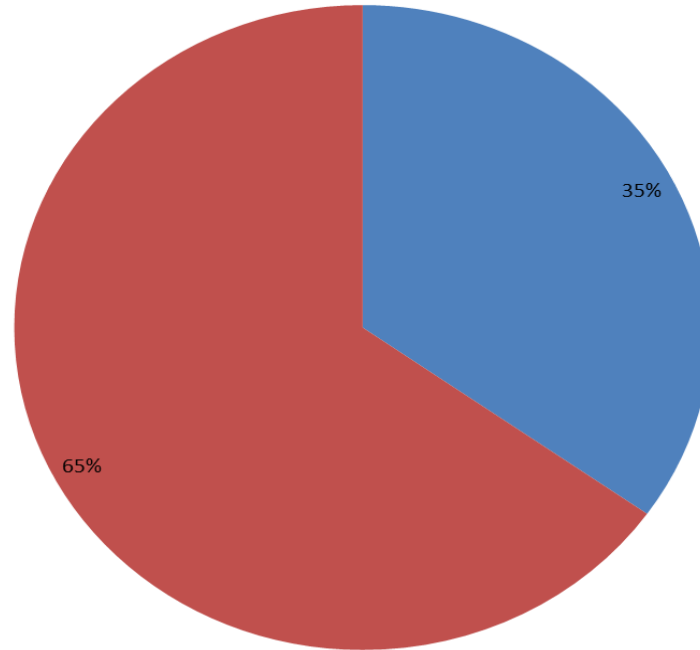
Results/Outcomes

AGE GROUP



- AGE 0-5 1
- AGE 6-11 2
- AGE 12-21 3
- AGE 22-32 4
- AGE 33-43 5
- AGE 44-54 6
- AGE 55-65 7
- AGE 66-76 8
- AGE 77-87 9

GENDER



AGE 0-5

AGE 6-11

AGE 12-21

AGE 22-32

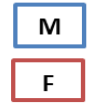
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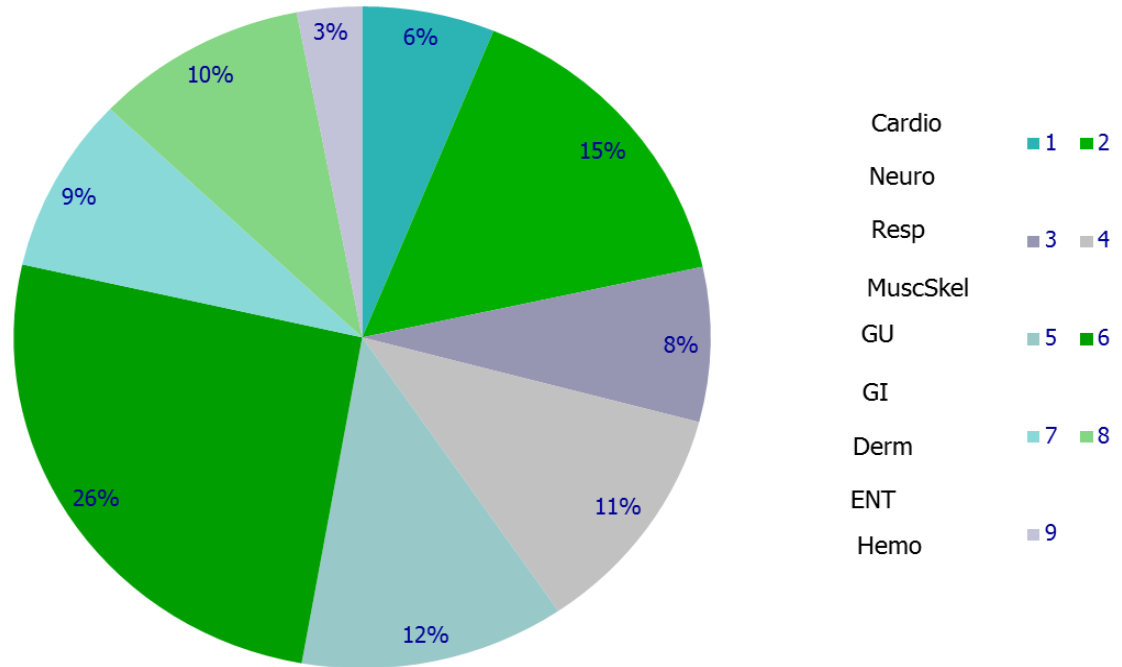
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Diagnosis



Nursing Implications

- Nursing students are passionate about having direct, hands-on clinical experience and interactions while in a host country.
- Time spent in planning/implementation of this international experience was worth the effort for its impact on future nurses.
- Further work needs to be done to delineate those experiences most beneficial to students.
- Increase number of ARNPs/students providing care

Nursing Implications

- Student satisfaction
- Enhanced Cultural Competence
- More interest in membership wanting to increasing their education to obtain higher education for MSN/ARNPs & DNP

Students' Remarks from Reflective Journaling

"Never did I fool myself into thinking I had changed their lives, but I realized the last days they had changed mine."

"Hearts were touched, lives saved, tears shed; lives have been changed forever."

"Staring into the faces of poverty was the most challenging assignment I've ever had to face, the disparities of life are truly a mystery."



Visit to San Pedro de Macorís Mayor's office
and tour of the city for cultural exploration

Questions



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