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Subject: RE: FOT

Hello All,

You had asked me to follow up after the trip to let you know how it went.

Our trip was amazing. We went to the Dario Contreras hospital in Santa Domingo. As one doctor said, "it had all the pathology without the risks associated with travel into Haiti". We did not experience any issues with security or equipment transport that other teams experienced.

Continental lifted their embargo for our team and our local hosts walked us thru customs with no issues and made sure we were safe and secure the entire trip.

We also had the resources we needed to do definitive trauma care...5 OR's, bovie, anesthesia, 2 autoclaves, lots of gauze and electricity for power. We brought about 350k of equipment so we had all the implant bases covered. We left the equipment locked up for future visits. The team did surgery on 46 patients with over 67 fractures in 3 days. The last day the team worked 24 hours as we did not want to leave the critical cases behind without treatment. The surgeon team attached was awesome. They adapted quickly to the environment and its limitations and they did amazing work for both the wounded Haitians as well as the Dominican polytrauma patients that had no means to pay for care. The Dominican people have been overwhelmed with the influx of Haitian refugees requiring medical care. Their system has been overloaded and that has created some tension as the Dominican people have gone untreated for weeks. We quickly changed our mission to include assisting with this backlog and committed to do surgery on 50% Dominicans and 50% Haitians. This was very well received and I believe helped us to establish long term friendships with the Dominican people.

Tony Sorkin, M.D. was awesome. He set up a triage system with different color bracelets to prioritize surgeries. He stayed up well into the morning to plan out the cases based on equipment availability and turnover time. His Shock Trauma experience came in very handy. Mel Rosenwaasar was our ambassador as the main surgeon contact for our local hosts. He is the master! We had a Stryker rep for technical support to team up with every doctor. They said that was key to doing so many cases as the reps played a key role in the equipment clean up, sterilization and case cart set up prior to each case as well as the traditional intra-operative case support.

Our local hosts were incredible. I have copied them on this email as they also wanted to hear what our measurable outcome was for the trip.

We had the support of the President of the DR Orthopedic Society , the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State to name a few. We were so grateful for their support and we could not have had such a productive trip without them.

The residents there learned a great deal from the surgeon team. However, our surgeon team also learned a great deal from them on how to do surgery without c-arm among other things. We have been invited to return on a regular basis and are in the process of outlining what that might look like over the next 2 years. Initially our thoughts are to make a trip every 2-3 months. This will be the decision of the FOT membership and they are meeting on this as I write this email.

You should be very proud of your AAOS and OTA membership. I was honored to serve and support them during this trip. They represented you very well to the people of the Dominican Republic and the victims of the disaster in Haiti. They found time in between cases to comfort family members and give candy and coloring books to children that had lost their limbs and family members. They were an example of the BEST than mankind has to offer; compassion, selfless giving, hard work, dedication, and commitment to a minimum standard of trauma care for all regardless of nationality and economic means. In short, they made a difference in the world last week!!!

Kind regards,  
Sharon