



The International Cervical Cancer Foundation

INCCA's First Cytoscreener Graduates

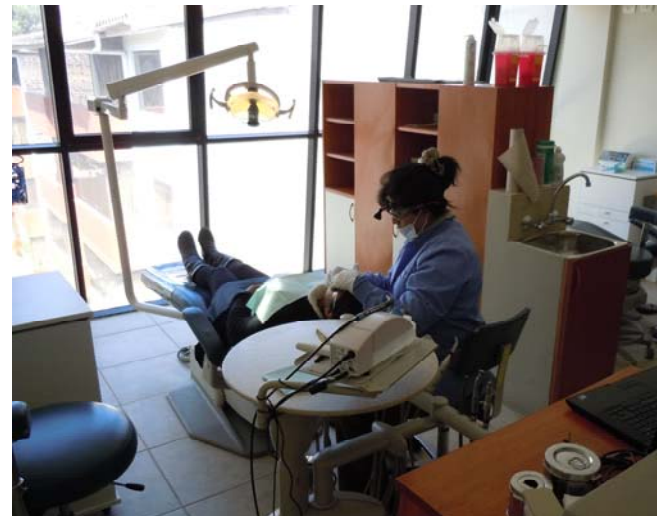
After one year of intensive training, including liquid-based Pap test certification, Ms Erika Escalante became INCCA's first Cytoscreener graduate. CerviCusco's Cytoscreener school was made possible by a grant to INCCA from the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC). INCCA Board of Director member Nasera Hassan heads this important cytology training program. Dr Barbara Winkler, INCCA's Director of Pathology, also serves as program Co-Director. Multiple INCCA volunteers assisted on site education and Erika also received advanced training for 3 weeks at Duke University with Ms Hassan and in New York with Dr Winkler. Following her graduation, Ms Escalante was hired to direct CerviCusco's Center for Cytoscreening. The next student is expected to enroll in April 2012.



.Nasera Hassan, Mr Escalante (father), Erika Escalante and Dr Barbara Winkler celebrate the graduation of INCCA's first Cytoscreener, Ms Escalante, in Peru.

CerviCusco Dental Clinic Opens

With financial support from the College of Dentistry at Georgia Health Sciences University, CerviCusco now operates a modern, state of the art dental clinic. The new equipment was donated to CerviCusco by College of Dentistry Dean Dr Connie Drisko. Dr Jimmy Londono of GHSU serves as the coordinator of this clinic designed to improve oral health care in the Andes Mountains region of Peru. Dr Rivera, a Peruvian-trained dentist, heads the CerviCusco Dental Clinic. The clinic provides digital xrays, Panorex imaging, and advanced laboratory procedures. The clinic is open for patient care six days a week. Students and faculty from GHSU also work at CerviCusco.



Dr Rivera working at CerviCusco's new Dental Clinic.



CerviCusco begins liquid-based Pap Testing

Following a week long training program conducted by personnel from Becton and Dickinson (BD) in Peru, the first liquid-based Pap tests were processed and interpreted at CerviCusco in early September. These initial Pap tests represent the first of 75,000 to be obtained in the next several years. The Pap test supplies, equipment and chemical reagents were made available to CerviCusco by a \$1 million donation from BD to the National Cancer Coalition (NCC). In turn, the NCC has partnered with CerviCusco to bring modern cancer prevention technology to a resource poor region of Latin America.



Erika Escalante, Director of the CerviCusco Laboratory, and the BD SurePath liquid-based cytology processing equipment now operating at CerviCusco.

“The quality of our Pap tests is now just incredible” said Ms Escalante. “The slides are so much easier to read. I’ll never want to look at the older conventional Pap tests again”. She also related that using the BD Paps will make consultations with the Harvard University donated telepathology system much better.

“It is an honor to be the first clinic in Peru to have this equipment. Our women will certainly benefit”. Ms Escalante was also quick to note that the previous problems with air dried Pap tests are now resolved. “I can’t believe the improved quality of the slides now” related Ms Escalante.

Successful Cervical Cancer Screening Program



CerviCusco medical team and volunteers give the traditional “3 sign” indicating a very successful day by screening more than 300 women in a rural mountain Ministry of Health clinic.



Long lines are common when the CerviCusco team travels to outlying rural sites. It is not unusual for women to travel for hours to attend these well publicized events.