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With this newsletter, you will be updated on recent developments in the hospital. Among other things, it includes information about the opening of the operating room, the arrival of a new ECG machine, and the installation of the X-ray machine. Additionally, you can read about a charity dinner hosted by Deventer Hospital and learn more about the hospital's support fund.

New Ultrasound machine for the hospital

A collaboration with the Wilde Ganzen Foundation.

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Since its opening, the hospital has already had several ultrasound machines. However, there is a need for a more advanced ultrasound machine to perform scans for different purposes. A project has been created to cover both the purchase of the machine and the salary of the local doctor who will operate it. The total cost of the project is nearly €70,000. Applications for contributions to this project have been submitted, or will be submitted, to several foundations and funds. Great news is that one of the applications has already been approved, and the Wilde Ganzen Foundation has agreed to increase the contributions by 50%, meaning they will contribute over €20.000.

Operating room in use

With the help of specially arrived Dutch colleagues.

A single project was created to establish both an operating room and a maternity room in the hospital. We are very grateful that several sponsors were willing to contribute. The maternity room is not yet complete, so the project is still ongoing, but both rooms are already in use!

Mark Schluep, anesthesiologist-

intensivist at Bravis Hospital, and his colleague Charlotte Oomens, anesthesia worker and sedation nurse, traveled to Ecuador for two weeks/a month to assist in setting up protocols and performing the first surgeries, as well as providing staff training. Additionally, Sanne van der Kooij, a gynecologist at Noordwest Hospital Group, was

also present in the hospital during that same period. She assisted with the first C sections, developed protocols, and provided training. Their knowledge and expertise have been incredibly valuable in initiating surgeries in the hospital, and of course, this will greatly benefit the hospital's patients.



Donation ECG machine

With thanks to Amsterdam UMC and the AKBHHH Foundation.

Recently, an ECG machine at Amsterdam UMC, AMC location, was replaced. The 'old' machine, still in very good working condition, has been donated to Quina Care. This will be a great addition to the equipment currently used in the hospital. The connection with AMC was made through the collaboration with the AKBHHH Foundation.

Many thanks to both AMC and the AKBHHH Foundation!



Charity dinner at Deventer hospital

Medical interns raise over €16,000. On September 13, the Medical Charity dinner was held at Deventer hospital. This annual event is organized to raise funds for a good cause. The dinner was organized by a

committee of medical interns, who had already enthusiastically started planning

enthusiastically started planning several activities before the summer, such as a running event, car washing, and selling ice cream and socks. The highlight was, of course, the dinner on September 13 at Sociëteit De Hereeniging in Deventer. Before the dinner, a presentation was given about Quina Care by our ambassador, Baukje Zaaijer. Between the courses of the dinner, there was an auction and a raffle, with great participation and enthusiasm. The fantastic (preliminary) result was an amount of over €16,000! Quina Care is extremely grateful for the funds raised and will use them to purchase many new lab supplies and medications.





Board of Quina Care Ecuador

Expansion with board member Stefanie.

The board of Quina Care Ecuador has expanded with the addition of Stefanie Samaniego Cameron. She was born in Ecuador but also lived in the Netherlands, where she trained as a hospital pharmacist. In 2022 she returned to Ecuador. With this background, she is a valuable addition to the board. In the next newsletter, she will share more about herself.

New X-ray machine

Installed and operational.



In the previous newsletter, we mentioned the X-ray machine that was included in the fourth container shipped from the Netherlands to Ecuador. As noted, the machine was purchased thanks to a large donation from the United States and was acquired in the Netherlands because there were no good purchasing options available in Ecuador. The installation of the X-ray machine in the existing X-ray room was carried out by Delft Imaging Systems, the company from which the machine was purchased. A technician traveled from Suriname to the hospital in Puerto el Carmen to ensure everything was fully operational. The ability to take high-quality X-rays was soon put to use for the first time, and since then, several more X-rays have followed—many more are sure to come!

Jacob van der Ende scholarship

Supporting his PhD research with benefits for the hospital.

In addition to his work in and for the hospital, Jacob van der Ende is also conducting PhD research in his spare time. His research topics include the prevalence of tropical diseases and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infections in Putumayo. The information obtained from this research will also benefit the treatment of patients in the hospital.

The wonderful news is that Jacob has won a major scholarship in the United States. This is intended for research into dengue. A portion of this will be allocated for the personnel costs incurred in carrying out work at our hospital. Any time that staff does not need to spend on the research can be dedicated to patient-related work in the hospital. In this way, the scholarship is also great news for the hospital!

A quarter in numbers...

... Use of the Support Fund

Patients at the hospital can apply for assistance from the support fund. This fund is intended for those who cannot afford even the minimal financial contribution and would otherwise be unable to receive care. The demand for this fund is clear: - Since the hospital's

opening in November 2021,

the support fund has been used 1,670 times;

- Usage, and consequently costs, have increased as the hospital has become more wellknown and more truly impoverished people have found their way to it;

- In 2024, the support fund has been used an average of 500 times per quarter so far. ...Costs and Funding of the Support Fund

- The usage of the fund has cost approximately €2,000 per quarter;

- These costs are covered, among other things, by private donations;

- Every donation for the

hospital's patients is therefore very much appreciated.

Annual report 2023

The annual report for 2023 is ready. The report has been approved by the auditing committee and

confirmed by the board. The report reflects on the year 2023

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and also looks ahead to 2024. You can view the report <u>here</u>.

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