

The Viral Hepatitis Ambulatory

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Introduction

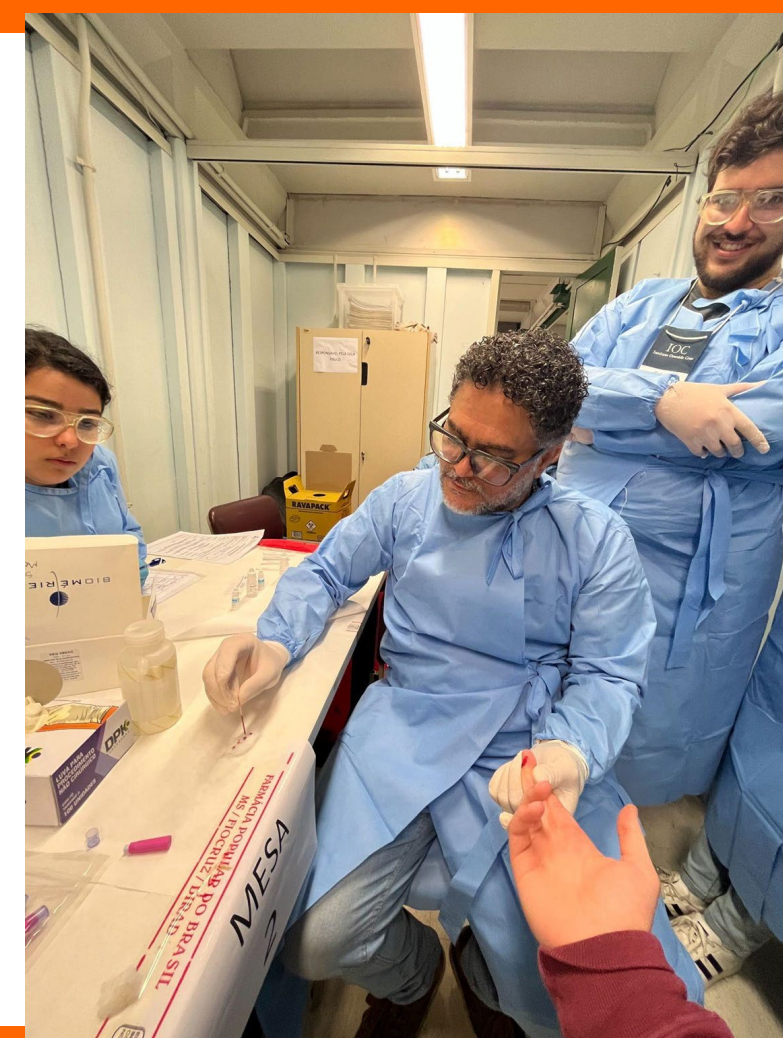
- The Viral Hepatitis Ambulatory was a reference clinic dedicated to monitor and treat acute and chronic cases of Hepatitis A, B, and C
- According to WHO, Brazil has around 400,000 new hepatitis infections per year

Objective of the Internship

- The Internship aimed to contribute to hepatitis research, diagnostics, and patient care.
- Interns assisted in data organization, rapid testing, and supporting healthcare professionals.
- The experience aimed to enhance practical skills, research understanding, and awareness of viral hepatitis challenges.

Assisted with Refugees

- Served as the English-speaking representative at multiple refugee camps within clinic jurisdiction
- Drew blood and completed rapid tests



Reflection

- Spent over 400 hours shadowing physicians and researching atypical serological results
- Assisted technicians in drawing blood, PBMC extraction, and performing rapid tests
- Prepared spreadsheets and wrote abstracts for researchers attending seminars and scientific conferences



Image of all of the Viral Hepatitis Clinic staff at the Oswaldo Cruz Institute

Looking ahead

- The internship shows us the importance of health professionals and free testing for all makes being healthy accessible
- This internship also brings awareness to a universal healthcare system and the benefits as well as shortcomings of the system

Questions

- How can we assist physicians and researchers in preparing efficient spreadsheets to analyze and understand atypical serological results in hepatitis cases?
- How can we effectively organize and manage data for patients with hepatitis B and C, including those on dialysis and perform diagnostic tests correctly and efficiently?

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