Introduction

- Describe the overall situation, using bullet points
- Keep text to a minimum size of 24
- This should frame your research so readers can understand why it is important for global health

Objective of Internship

This internship provided opportunities for participants to shadow local doctors in various hospitals and health clinics in Bolivia.

Reflection

- Currently one of the poorest countries in Latin America, Bolivia has in recent history experienced a plethora of social and economic reforms, which include reforms in the health sector as well.
- During my shadowing experience through my internship in Bolivia, I was able to observe how the medical staff in hospitals and health clinics dealt with lack of resources such as lack of surgery rooms or medical specialists.
- During my day-to-day interactions with the local medical staff, I was able to learn how they identified problems in their current health care system, such as the long waiting times for surgeries or the dependency of the population for traditional doctors and over-the-counter drugs.
- Observing how the doctors handled these problems while consulting their patients allowed me to learn about the doctor-patient relationship.
- In addition to looking and listening to the doctors talk to the patients, we were required to wear white coats when shadowing doctors. The respectful gaze the patients placed on the participants of the program made me realize again how trusted doctors are by patients.

Looking ahead

- This shadowing experience has fortified my desire to become a physician.
- In addition, I became interested in health policies and health care systems.

Questions

- The government is shutting down the Chagas clinics set up for research. Will they continue their search for a better cure for Chagas?
- What maintains the trust of patients in their physician?

Conclusion

- CFHI Bolivia provides an opportunity of full immersion into a healthcare provider's job. Participants come out of the program learning so much about healthcare.

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