

Providing Care on Mission Trip to Guatemala

Two members of the clinical staff at Brooklyn Methodist, Vipul Patel, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand surgery, and Jessica Parra, a surgical technologist, participated in a medical mission to Guatemala in November, 2016. They worked with the Guatemala Healing Hands Foundation (GHHF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality and availability of health care in Guatemala through education, surgery, and therapy.

During the two-week trip, the mission group saw 160 pediatric patients, completed 53 surgeries and provided hand therapy for 94 patients. The surgical procedures were focused on children with hand and upper extremity deformities and injuries. ■



Vipul Patel, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand surgery, (third from left) and Jessica Parra, surgical technologist, (far right) represented Brooklyn Methodist on a mission to Guatemala, where they performed numerous hand surgeries.