



New Patient-This is Saul Alexander. His parents took him to a national hospital, but they only gave him something for the pain. Flory has proposed that we pay for a Covid test and an ultrasound for this boy, whose mother came to her for help. If it is a hernia, he can be operated on at Obras. If it is a tumor he will be accepted at a national hospital.

BARRIERS

There is an additional barrier to health care in Guatemala nowadays. It is a requirement that people have a negative Covid test before they are admitted to any hospital for tests. Costing Q350 (US \$45) it is beyond the reach of many people.

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New Patient-This is Vilma. She injured her toe a month or so ago and had no money to get any help. She was turned down by the hospital and clinic in Cuilapa because she couldn't afford the Covid test. Flory showed the photo to one of the doctors at Obras.

They said the woman needs help soon because if the toe is gangrenous, it will need to be amputated before the infection spreads to her whole foot. The operation can be done at Obras after pre-op exams and a Covid test.



New Patient-This is Eriverto. His mother came to Flory in December saying that he was bleeding and in intense pain every time he had a bowel movement and she was worried that he was also becoming anemic.

After an initial examination, the doctor found a polyp protruding from his rectum. He is scheduled for a Covid test, pre-op exams and surgery in February to correct this.

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