

Kreussler Pharma funds Honduras Sclerotherapy Trip 2015

The annual humanitarian medical trip to Honduras organized by the Hackett Hemwall Foundation was once again supported by Kreussler Pharma with a generous donation of several hundred packs of Aethoxysklerol®. Most Honduran patients with severe varicose veins cannot afford treatment for their disease. This annual trip, during which several doctors from industrialized countries treat patients for free, is therefore both very welcome and much needed. The treatment provided is mainly in the form of foam sclerotherapy as it has many advantages over other methods of treatment. During this particular trip, Kreussler Pharma, the manufacturer of the world's No 1 sclerosing agent, made it possible for all Honduran varicose vein patients to receive treatment.

WIESBADEN, 2015 - This March, as in the past several years, Kreussler Pharma once again agreed to support a charitable medical trip to Honduras. Honduras is the second poorest country in Central America and underserved by vein specialists. About one-third of the population has no access to health care. These people are therefore in need of medical care that they are otherwise unable to afford.

The Hackett Hemwall Foundation (HHF) has organized a humanitarian medical mission to Honduras every year since 1969. With the help of donations from the industry, a group of volunteers at their own expense and in their own free time provides free high-quality treatment to patients with complicated varicose vein disease. For one week, they set up temporary phlebology clinics at several different cities in the north of Honduras. The sponsorship of these annual trips means not only that patients are provided with free clinical care but also that local physicians receive practical training in sclerotherapy, which will have a lasting impact.

This year 24 physicians as well as nurses, sonographers and other helpers treated more than 1400 extremely needy patients with severe varicose vein disease, 150 of whom had open leg ulcers. These patients gratefully accepted the free treatment after decades of coping with complications from their varicose veins, such as open ulcers, pain and severe skin alterations. People from rural Honduras travelled several hours, sometimes even days, to reach one of the clinics. One patient rode a horse four hours across the mountains, then took a 12-hour bus ride and waited all night to be seen in the clinic the following morning. Both local radio stations and churches had



spread the word all over the country that free treatment was being offered for leg vein disorders.

Treatment with ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy was the treatment of first choice. Foam

sclerotherapy has many advantages, including safety, effectiveness, portability and cost effectiveness - a factor which is particularly important in a third world setting.

This annual Honduras Sclerotherapy Trip is only possible thanks to the combined efforts of all of those who are involved - the HHF, which organizes and sponsors these trips; the doctors and other volunteers, who donate their time and experience; and companies such as Kreussler Pharma, that provide



the necessary amount of the sclerosing agent Aethoxysklerol® to treat all the patients. Richard Owens, MD, the director of the phlebology program of the HHF, commented: “Your firm’s generosity in donating the Aethoxysklerol® solutions for our clinics made it possible for our limited funds to cover the cost of treatment for thousands of patients.”

If you also want to make a difference and donate medical supplies, money, or your time to the Hackett Hemwall Foundation, and for any additional information, visit www.hacketthemwall.org.

