

Kreussler Pharma continues to fund varicose vein treating and training project in Honduras

Kreussler Pharma once again supported the annual humanitarian medical trip to Honduras organized by the Hackett Hemwall Patterson Foundation with a generous donation of several hundred packs of Aethoxysklerol®. Most Honduran patients with severe varicose veins or ulcers 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 provided treatment is mainly 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 hundreds Honduran varicose vein patients to receive treatment.

WIESBADEN, 2019 – This March, as in the past several years, Kreussler Pharma once again supported a charitable medical trip to Honduras. More than half of the population still lives in poverty, especially in rural areas, and about 1/3 receives no medical care at all, let alone from vein specialists. These people are therefore in dire need of medical care that they are otherwise unable to afford.

The Hackett Hemwall Patterson Foundation (HHPF) has organized annual humanitarian medical missions to Honduras since 1969. With the help of donations from the industry, a group of volunteers 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 can enjoy one full day of lectures from experts on venous disease followed by a practical training in sclerotherapy. This ensures that knowledge is passed on to local physicians, which will have a lasting impact for the people of Honduras.

This year the volunteer physicians were able to treat almost 2,000 patients with advanced varicose veins.

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. Patients lined up several hours before the clinics opened each day, demonstrating the great need for medical care.



Ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy was the treatment of first choice. Foam sclerotherapy is a simple procedure that has many advantages, including safety, efficacy, 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 those involved – the HHPF, 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.

Mary Doherty, HHPF vice president commented: “With your generous donation and dedication to our foundation and vein projects in Honduras and Mexico, we are able to make a significant change for the better in literally thousands of patients’ lives!”



If you also want to make a difference and donate medical supplies, money, or your time to the Hackett Hemwall Patterson Foundation, and for any additional information, visit <http://hhpfoundation.org/>.