



## March 2019

On March 2, the first "Virginia Global Surgery Symposium" was held in Richmond, Virginia, United States. Here, there were several presentations about the Cinterandes experience and the role that the model of mobile surgery has to contribute to surgical care and other health services in rural and marginal areas.



The surgical mission this month, took place from March 18 to 21 in Zamora, Province of Zamora Chinchipe. The organization was in charge of the Jungle Battalion 62 "ZAMORA" and the Provincial Council of Zamora; our gratitude to all the people who are part of these institutions, especially to Military Lieutenant Paúl Morán, Nurse Bernardita Crespo and Prefect Salvador Quizhpe, for the organization of this mission, pre-operative controls, food and lodging of the medical team and coordination of the post-operative control carried out through our telemedicine program.

The medical team included: Dr. Edgar B. Rodas, Dr. Anita Vicuña, Dr. Claudio Vélez, Dr. Alberto Quezada, Dr. Blasco Guzhñay, Dr. Woon Cho Kim (Surgery Resident- Virginia Commonwealth University), Mr. Gonzalo Matute, Nursing Assistant Freddy Peralta and Mr. Vinicio Galarza. In addition to the medical students from University of Azuay: Dayana Serrano, Esteban Salamea, Paúl Romero and foreign students Elina Serrano and Tara Benesch (UCSF - USA) and Alice Mckinnes (University of Edinburgh - Scotland).



In this mission we performed 27 surgeries, 10 surgical consultations and 42 clinical consultations.

In the city of Cuenca we performed 7 surgeries, 19 surgical consultations and 4 clinical consultations.

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, we performed a pre-operative control of 11 patients at "El Valle" Parrish.

Total surgeries of the month: 34.