

Hospital de San Benito



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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EL PETÉN

Advancing Medicine Together

An International Forum for Clinical Excellence

Date:



Friday January 29, 2027 (8:00 am to 3:30 pm)

Location:



La Casona Del Lago, Santa Elena, El Petén.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS: SERGIO HUERTA | CESAR ORTIZ

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PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION and KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Discurso de Apertura)

8:00 am to 8:30 am | Dr. Huerta Aid Via Action Update 2026 | Dr. Bolaños, an update at HNSB

➤ **Focus of Presentations**

For this symposium, we aim to emphasize topics in anesthesia and surgery that are highly relevant to **general practitioners**. Presentations should prioritize practical teaching points and clinical applicability, rather than highly specialized technical details intended for subspecialists.

➤ **Pre-Symposium for Medical Students**

We will have a pre-symposium conference geared towards presentations of medical students and residents. This will take place the day before the main conference at La Casona del Lago @ 4:00 PM.

➤ **Speaker Recruitment**

While we continue to recruit speakers from the United States, we are particularly interested in strengthening representation from **Central America**. If you have recommendations for potential speakers, I would greatly appreciate your suggestions.

➤ **Presentation Titles**

Please send the **official title of your presentation** at your earliest convenience. Early submission will allow us to coordinate topics effectively and minimize overlap across sessions.

➤ **Formal Invitations**

Official letters of invitation will be distributed once a tentative program has been finalized.

➤ **Current Participants**

Please see the attached list of confirmed and invited participants for your reference.

Current List of Participants

No.	Faculty	Specialty	Presentation Title	Country
1	Sergio Huerta, MD, FACS, HEC-C	General Surgery	<i>Then. Now. Next. The Journey of Aid Via Action</i>	USA
2	Edson Bolaños, MD	Emergency Medicine	<i>Hospital de San Benito: New Perspectives for Health Care</i>	Guatemala
3	Raul Sosa, MD	Pediatric Surgery	<i>Dialysis: Peritoneal, Hemodialysis, Fistula Creation and Renal Transplant in Children</i>	Guatemala
4	Lourdes Santizo, MD	Surgery	<i>Using the TIME Scheme for Wound and Burn Management</i>	Guatemala
5	Gilda Lorena Izquierdo Rodríguez de Salaverria, MD	Anesthesia	<i>History of Triage and Its Importance</i>	Guatemala
6	Karen A. Girón Orellana, MD	Surgical Oncology	<i>Surgical Approach to the patient with a suspicion of cancer</i>	Guatemala
7	Diego Hinojosa Ugarte, MD	General Surgery	<i>Management of Complications from Acute Pancreatitis: Practical Points for General Practice</i>	México
8	Luiz Rocha, MD	General Surgery	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Brazil
9	Carlos Andrés Delgado López, MD	General Surgery	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Colombia
10	Yahir Santiago-Lastra, MD	Urology	<i>Female Incontinence</i>	USA
11	Pedro Salazar, MD	Pediatric Surgery	<i>Initial Management of the Surgical Neonate with Tracheoesophageal Fistula (TEF), Intestinal Atresia, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia, and Abdominal Wall Defects.</i>	Guatemala
12	Shirling Tsai, MD	Vascular Surgery	<i>Dialysis Access Fistulas in Adults: Preoperative Assessment and Postoperative Care</i>	USA
13	Craig Olson, MD	Colorectal Surgery	<i>The World of the Pelvis</i>	USA
14	Juan Felix Capellan Santana, MD	General Surgery	<i>TBD</i>	Dominican Republic

Symposium Guidelines and Participation Information

Presentation Format

All presentations will be strictly limited to **25 minutes**, followed by **5 minutes for questions and discussion**. Adherence to the allotted time is essential to ensure the integrity of the program schedule

Abstracts and Manuscripts

All participants are required to submit a **250-word abstract** of their presentation. Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Aid Via Action Global Health Journal*.



Participants are also invited to submit a **full manuscript** for consideration for publication in the [*Aid Via Action Global Health Journal*](#).

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** December 1, 2026
- **Full Manuscript Submission Deadline:** January 1, 2027

All submitted manuscripts will undergo **peer review**, and publication is **not guaranteed**. There are **no publication fees**.

Registration

Registration for the symposium will be conducted **online only**.

- **General Registration Fee:** 200.00 GTQ
- **Student Registration Fee:** 25.00 GTQ

The registration fee includes access to all sessions and **lunch**.

👉 [Register Here](#)

Program Changes

If any changes to your participation are necessary, please notify the Course Director via email **no later than December 15, 2026**.

Once the official program has been published, **no changes will be permitted** to the assigned presentation date or time.

Certification

Certificates indicating **participation and credit hours** will be provided to Guatemalan attendees.

Important: All attendees must complete registration to be eligible for certification.

Contact

For questions or updates, please contact the Course Director directly via email.

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