Project Partners

- IHCAI (International Health Central American Institute)
- EBAIS Goicocheca in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Emory University Physician Assistant (PA) Program

Sponsors

- GHI (Emory Global Health Institute)
- EPASI (Emory PA Students International)

Populations/communities served

- Lower income communities in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Worked within a particular EBAIS located in Guadalupe neighborhood, which served a specific geographical area

Project Timeframe

- Mid-July to Mid-August 2007
• **Project Goals**
  • Learn about Costa Rican health care system
  • Assist with provision of health care and preventive services, including health education

• **Expected Outcome**
  • A better sense of the type of health care some of my Latino patients in the US were accustomed to in their home countries.
  • Ideas to incorporate preventive health practices into my future practice as a PA
  • Improved knowledge and education for Costa Rican patients and adolescent mothers
Progress to date

- Project completed.
- Recently graduated from Emory as a PA

Next steps

- Seeking employment as a PA in a multicultural practice working with the underserved population.
  - A place where I will be able to put my knowledge and experience from my international rotation in Costa Rica into use.