

July 26, 2010

June at AHC



Director's Note:

The Angkor Hospital for Children family was deeply saddened by the death of So Sekla one of our pharmacy assistants on July 1st. She was only 37 years old, married in May 2009 and had a baby girl in May 2010. For quite some time, Sekla had stomach complaints and was eventually found to have an invasive stomach cancer.

Because neither chemotherapy nor surgery were viable options, Sekla returned to AHC from Phnom Penh and was cared for at AHC by our staff during the last month of her life. Her illness and death was deeply saddening for all. It is with great respect and admiration that we watched the AHC team of doctors and nurses compassionately care for her during her final days with us. Her suffering during her passage was greatly eased. The AHC family will continue to assist her extended family as they take on the task of raising her child.

As I watched her mother cry at her funeral, I was again reminded that a mother's grief is the same no matter what country I have seen it in. It is the reason we do what we do here at AHC.

Thank you,

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	June 2010	Year to Date	Total
Outpatient	10,831	59,239	805,731
Inpatient	152	1,155	29,099
ICU	51	363	5,173
Low Acuity	0*	309	9,109
Emergency	358	2,465	96,972
Surgery	180	873	11,844
Home Care	267	1,463	15,957
Dental	1,430	8,587	124,034
Eye Care	467	2,754	20,679
ARV (new)	6	40	622
Lab Tests	5,273	29,589	393,852
Minor Surgery	976	4,849	26,562
Pharmacy (# of perscriptions)	11,207	71,521	710,988
X-Ray	411	2,794	36,459
Ultrasound	191	1,145	13,096

* Low Acuity Unit has no number because it served as the IPD while it was under construction



Patient Story, Chhanun



Chhanun in the ICU & before going home

18-month old Chhanun arrived at AHC's Satellite Hospital at Sot Nikum in respiratory distress with a high fever. He was diagnosed with pneumonia and immediately referred to AHC as he was critically ill. After being rushed to the ICU at AHC, he was intubated and put on mechanical ventilation while receiving an intensive course of antibiotics to clear up the infection.

If the Satellite Hospital hadn't been there, his parents would not have been able to bring him to AHC in time and he might have died. His parents also might have taken him to another hospital where, because of the severity of his illness, he would most likely have died due to lack of resources and less-skilled medical personnel at a local clinic.

Stories like this are not uncommon in Cambodia but Chhanun was one of the lucky patients who was able to get the right medical attention at the right time. This is why improving accessibility and access to quality care through programs like AHC's Satellite Hospital are crucial to improving the health and saving the lives of Cambodia's children.

AHC Staff Attend Training and Conference Abroad



Dr. Pises at International Conference in Singapore

Dr. Ngeth Pises attended the International Conference on Emergency Medicine in Singapore, June 9-12. On June 10th, he gave a well-received presentation about the use of nasal CPAP for the management of Acute Childhood Respiratory Conditions in emergency rooms.



Sophal receiving a certificate

Mr. Som Sophal has recently returned home from one month in the US learning about infection control. He received infection prevention and control training at the Children's Hospital of Central California. He also visited the University of California, San Francisco's Medical Center as well as three children's hospitals in Portland, Oregon. His training will help improve infection control throughout the hospital.

His trip was sponsored by FWAB board members, **Dr. Basil Stamos** and **Dr. David Pugatch**. It was also generously supported by:
Kathie Lasater, former nursing volunteer, OHSU Portland, Oregon
Ann Nielson, former nursing volunteer, OHSU Portland, Oregon
Dr. Colin Partridge, Neonatologist, UCSF former medical volunteer
and **Christopher Hest**, CEO of Friends With A Border

Donation Helps Improve Medical Imaging Services

Providing the best care possible to the children we treat at AHC has always been the most important goal of our doctors and nurses. AHC would like to thank [Ultrasonix Medical Corporation](#) for their donation of a new ultrasound machine to our Imaging Department. The new ultrasound machine with its digital technology is helping to provide faster and more accurate diagnoses.

Within 24 hours of the machine arriving at our hospital our doctors had already put it to use in our Emergency Room. Its first use helped to diagnose a child with a liver abscess. With more than 6,000 children seen in our Emergency Room in 2009 alone, we can be assured that the machine will be put to good use.



The new ultrasound machine in use in the ER

A special thanks to [Mannix Freight Services](#) and [Cathay Pacific Airlines](#) for helping to deliver the machine to Cambodia. It was truly a team effort that will benefit hundreds of Cambodian children for years to come.

Winter Olympics Gifts Come to Cambodia



A patient receiving a stuffed animal

Siem Reap, Cambodia is a long way from Vancouver, Canada, the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics, but a little piece of the games have reached the kids here at AHC. It is a tradition at figure skating events for fans to toss stuffed animals and flowers onto the skating rink after a particularly great performance. Thanks to the generosity of the skaters and a few special volunteers at the 2010 Olympic Games many of these toys were collected and saved to be sent to children in Cambodia.

Most of the children admitted to our hospital come from extremely poor families who could never afford to buy such luxuries as toys. Being able to offer a simple stuffed animal toy to these children while they are in the hospital is something they will always remember. A very special thank you to **Heather Gallagher**, a former AHC volunteer, who helped to make this happen.

Final Updates on Inpatient Department Renovations



The new InPatient Department at AHC

In late June, IPD renovations were finished and all patients have been moved into the new facility; all our staff and patients are very happy with the results of the renovations.

We would like to express our many thanks again to **Jonathan Fleisig & Wendy Gifford**. Additional funds were donated by **Andres & Sheila Anzarut** and **Cheryl Klauss & Curtis Jensen**. Thanks to all for making such a concrete difference at AHC.

AHC's Satellite Hospital at Sot Nikum Update



Satellite nurses teaching about the nutrition in IPD

With the recent addition of a 6 bed IPD at AHC's Satellite Hospital, June was a very busy month in Sot Nikum with 60 admissions. The IPD worked at capacity during 21 days in the month of June- 3 of these 21 days had 133% bed occupancy! After being operational for only two months, we see this as a great indication of the medical needs within the community. Daily education classes are given by the nurses to the patient's family about prevention, signs and symptoms and management of illnesses. There were a total of 47 patients in the emergency room in June with cases ranging from severe trauma, road accidents, cases of poisoning, and other life-threatening illnesses. Also in June was the first neonatal patient directly from the delivery room at Sot Nikum Referral Hospital. The baby had suffered head trauma from failed attempts at a venthouse assisted delivery (a vacuum device used to assist the delivery of a baby when labor has not progressed adequately.) Fortunately the baby was able to be transferred to AHC and is now doing well!

AHC Welcomes the Plastico Foundation!



The Plásticos and AHC's team in the Operating Theater

In June, AHC was proud to welcome the U.S surgical team from [Plásticos Foundation](#) led by Dr. Larry Nichter and a team of other professionals. With their assistance more than 20 complex plastic surgery cases were completed. More importantly, most cases were completed by AHC surgeons under Plásticos team's guidance so that effective knowledge and skill transfers occurred. In addition, several formal teaching sessions were led by the team. Many thanks to each of the members of the **Plásticos Team!**

Upcoming Events



Karl Grobl: Cambodia

New Art photography Exhibition at Friends Center: The new photography exhibition at the Friends Center will begin August 6th until the end of November. It features four photographers whose works feature 4 different Asian counties, the proceeds of which benefit the Angkor Hospital for Children. The artists are Alexia Beckerling on Tibet, Monica Devevan on Burma, Richard Ehrlich on Vietnam, and Karl Grobl on Cambodia.

The opening reception will be held in the evening of August 6, 2010 at the Friends Center at Angkor Hospital for Children. For more information about this new exhibition, please contact fc@angkorhospital.org



Angkor Hospital for Children in the Phillipines Town and Country Magazine

In June 2009, Town and Country Magazine featured a full length article about Kenro Izu and Angkor Hospital for Children. In June 2010, the article was republished in the Phillipines Town and Country.

The Angkor Hospital for Children, supported by Friends Without A Border, provides comprehensive medical care to children in the Siem Reap area. **Comments?** Please feel free to contact AHC's Public Relations Department at 855-63-963-409 or ahcpr@angkorhospital.org

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