

Historical Humanitarian Trip to Chinguetti, Mauritania

January 2024

Dr. Tiru and a team of 11 humanitarian volunteers embarked on the 3rd medical trip to Chinguetti, Mauritania on January 19, 2024. This historical trip was made possible by our donors, sponsors and fundraiser participants, who contributed to the purchase of endoscopy equipment and bring this life saving procedure to the people of Chinguetti and surrounding areas!

Until this year, colon screening was not available in Mauritania. With colon cancer being one of the leading causes of death, Dr. Amanda Beattie's vision was to implement the first screening program in the area and she shared her vision with Dr. Tiru. The Foundation began the process of raising funds to purchase the equipment needed for the program and identifying volunteers with experience in the field of gastroenterology.

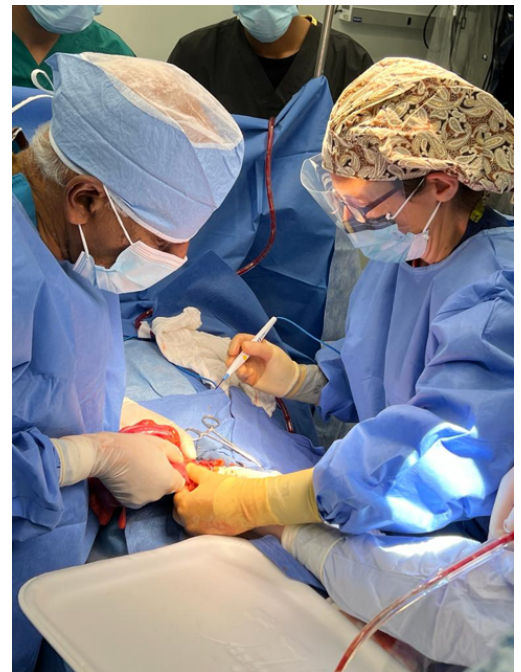
While in country, our endoscopy team performed 18 gastroscopies, 10 screening and 7 diagnostic colonoscopies. During one of the procedures, a colon cancer was identified and the patient had the first colon resection in Chinguetti, by our surgical team, saving this man's life.

Other gastrointestinal diseases were identified during and after the time our team was in Chinguetti, and as a result, improving the quality of life for these patients. Early detection will have a huge impact on saving the lives of the Mauritanian people!

In addition to the endoscopy procedures performed, the surgical team performed 19 surgeries including hernia repairs thyroid and gallbladder removal, appendectomy, removal of breast lump and partial colon removal, along with incidental procedures.

With your support, the York County Medical Foundation and humanitarian volunteers have made a positive impact in Mauritania! We are most grateful to each of you for your generosity and trust in the work of the York County Medical Foundation!

Regards,
Dr. Tiru
York County Medical Foundation Board of Directors



*First Colon Resection
in Chinguetti, 1-30-24*