



Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia

CANCAR VISIT

05 – 11 March 2011

OSSAA Team:

Dr. Rob Coren—Surgeon/Team Leader

Dr. Roger Woods—Surgeon

Dr. Matthew Grill—Anasthetist

Dr. Todd Maddock—Anasthetist

Ms. Margaret Maloney—Theatre Nurse

Ms. Amanda McFall—Recovery Nurse

Ms. Anastasia Stain—Interpreter

St Raphael Hospital Team:

Dr. Harry

Sr. Reggie

Sr. Virgulla

Sr. Theresia

Sr. Maristella

Ferdy Jaleng—Ward Nurse

Ferdy Jelalu—Physiotherapist/Theatre Nurse

Ms. Sabina—Theatre Nurse

Ms. Sophie Anul—Theatre Nurse

Ms. Fransiska Hasinta Helinora—Theatre Nurse

Mr. Pontianus--Orderly

ITINERARY

Thursday 3 March 2011

Leaving Adelaide for Denpasar via Sydney

(overnight in Denpasar)

Friday 4 March 2011

Leaving Denpasar for Labuan Bajo

(overnight in Labuan Bajo)

Saturday 5 March 2011

Leaving Labuan Bajo for Cancar

Patient Consultation

Sunday 6 March 2011

Patient Consultation

Monday 7th – Friday 11th

Operations

Friday 11th March mid day

Leaving Cancar for Labuan Bajo

(overnight in Labuan Bajo to catch an early flight to Bali on Saturday the 12th)

Saturday 12th March 2011

Leaving Labuan Bajo for Denpasar

Midnight: Leaving for Adelaide

**Team report for OSSAA Plastic Surgery Team Visit
to St Damian's , Cancar, Flores for March 2011
Dr. Robert Coren-Plastic & Craniofacial Surgeon**



This visit was again successful and enjoyable. Prior to arrival, approximately 150 patients had registered, but only 87 arrived for consultation. The surgical mix of patients was also significantly different from previous trips. There were far less cleft lip and palate patients, however there were more burn patients and patients with large facial tumours.

The reason for these variations could be explained by several factors. The region is still experiencing a very wet 'wet season' and a number of patients were reported to have difficulty in travelling to Cancar because of this.

Approximately fifty cleft patients were waitlisted after the November 2010 OSSAA visit. At that time a team from Jakarta were in Ruteng performing cleft repairs and since November, another team, has visited Ruteng and then waitlisted patients were supposedly treated by this team.

As there were less cleft patients, more surgical time was allocated to treating patients with large facial tumours who required more complex reconstructions. These patients had increased post surgery analgesia requirements and nursing care.

This highlight a need for further education in the administration of post op analgesia in these more complicated cases. With the skills of our Interpreter, Anastasia, these issues were addressed quite successfully.

We would again like to thank the tremendous support that the team received from the local staff, both in theatre and on the wards.

Sister Reggie was of invaluable assistance, especially as several of the team had gastro-intestinal upsets.

The team is looking forward to returning in one year's time

**Summary of Clinical Activities in Cancar
3rd – 11th March 2011**

Total Patient Consultation: 87
Total Surgical Procedures: 53
Total undecided/absent: 4

-Cleft Lip: 7
-Cleft Palate: 7
**-Major Facial Excisions/
Reconstructions: 4**
-Others(burn/keloid/cyst):35



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