



NEWSLETTER

World Telehealth Initiative: 3 year Memorandum of Understanding signed

Facing the World has entered into a 3 year Memorandum of Understanding with The World Telehealth Initiative (WTI), the foundation set up by telemedicine provider InTouch Health.

WTI connects volunteer medical expertise to underserved communities via state-of-the-art technology. Facing the World believes telehealth is integral to the successful establishment of centers of expertise in Vietnam and a crucial element in its plans for long-term scalability. The partnership with WTI would initially provide a tool for effective, continual monitoring and eventually enable a way to increase expertise in rural areas through the implementation of an outreach program. With this in mind, Facing the World and WTI have facilitated the donation of telehealth capacity to all its partner hospitals in Vietnam. Facing the World is delighted to have formalized this partnership with the World Telehealth Initiative through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.



Hanoi Mission October 2019

The third specialised maxillofacial / ocular mission has been a great success. A team of **3 Consultants** from the UK, representing **Maxillofacial and Oculoplastic surgery** assessed a total of **71 patients**. Treatment plans were put in place in collaboration with the Vietnamese surgeons. **15 patients** were operated on throughout the week, at Hong Ngoc Hospital and Viet Duc University Hospital.



This mission, was focussed on the delivery and teaching of **complex orbital / eyelid surgery** for patients with severe congenital facial deformities and post-trauma reconstruction. In addition to this, further progress was made regarding the planning and provision of jaw realignment (orthognathic surgery), building on the work of the previous two Maxillofacial missions.

In conjunction with the Vietnamese team, five orbital reconstructions were performed, including the preparation of sockets for eye prostheses, unblockage of tear drainage systems and management of a young child with acute orbital trauma (white-eye blow out fracture).

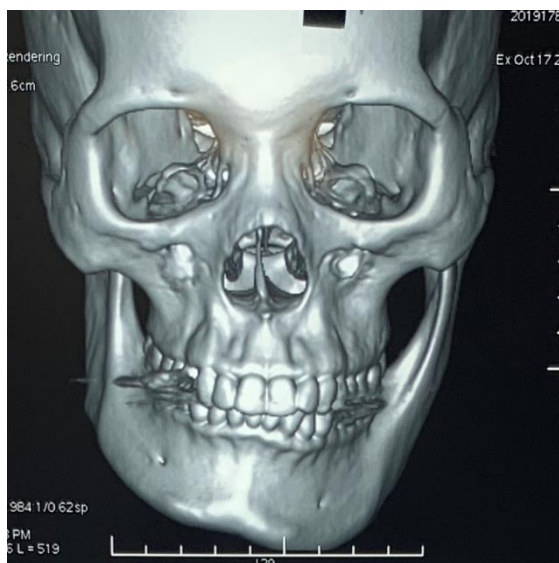


A complex facial asymmetry surgery was performed to correct a significant overgrowth of one side of the patient's mandible. This was done in conjunction with the local orthodontists providing an excellent opportunity for teaching and training.

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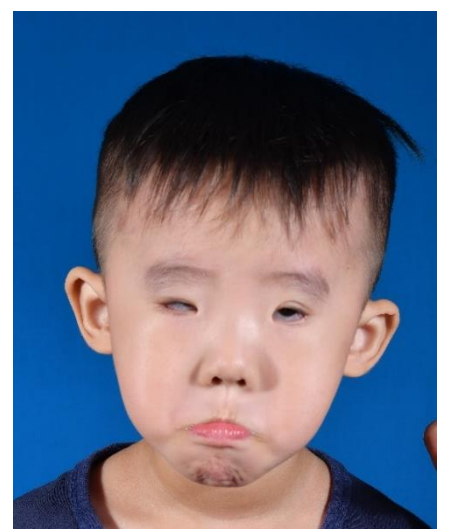


The mission's purpose was to undertake cases, which required Multidisciplinary input to plan and treat complex Orbital and Orthognathic cases.

Teams of UK Consultants and Vietnamese Consultants carried out all operations.

The following conditions, were treated during the week:

- Facial clefting
- Hemi-mandibular hypertrophy
- Tear drainage problems
- Traumatic injuries to the eye and face
- Neurofibromatosis
- Sinus pathology



As part of the formal teaching program, each of the three consultants delivered a 2 hour lecture at Hong Ngoc Hospital, on the following topics:

- *Lecture 1: Applications of Patient Specific Planning in Maxillofacial Surgery by Mr Mehmet Manisali at Hong Ngoc Hospital*
- *Lecture 2: Orbital fracture repair complications and Lacrimal injuries and repair by Ms Sarah Osborne at Hong Ngoc Hospital*
- *Lecture 3: Augmentation techniques in Facial Surgery by Mr Jahrad Haq*



We are hugely appreciative of the support the charity received while in Vietnam by its partner hospitals, supporters and patron.



International Fellowship Program

This year, to date, through the charity's Fellowship Program, 34 Vietnamese medics from partner hospitals in Vietnam have visited top medical centres in the UK and Canada to observe and learn new techniques and approaches. By the end of the year, the number of fellows to have participated in the program since 2015 will be over 100.

International Conferences

Fellows have attended the following conferences this year:

1. 18th Congress of International Society of Craniofacial Surgery, Paris
2. International Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery, Birmingham
3. World Airway Management Meeting 2019, Amsterdam

Upcoming – November 2019

The first Craniofacial mission at the Center for Craniofacial and Plastic surgery, 108 Military Central Hospital, led by Dr Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, Canada.

A 3 Year Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with Formula 1, Vietnam.

Difficult Airways Society Board member Dr Anil Patel to visit Hong Ngoc General Hospital, Viet-Duc University Hospital and 108 Military Central Hospital.

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