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Tracy and I spent 4 weeks working under the tutelage of Juan Carrion Corral, MD, a well-recognized colo-rectal surgeon. We set up the rotation through a friend of Amada Gosman's who is a medical student at the U of Cuenca. We had a wonderful experience. We rotated through several different specialties, and even returned to the OR. FLUENCY IN SPANISH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THIS ROTATION. Our ability to understand AND SPEAK enabled us to understand and participate in many medical encounters.

Although Dr. Carrion offered to preceptor future CWRU students, it would be more valuable for them to take a formal elective offered by the University of Cuenca medical school. The contact address is"
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The U of Cuenca has only recently begun offering courses to foreign students who pay tuition. They hinted that tuition for a 6 week course may run \$200. It would be well worth the price.