Successfully held their 3rd annual medical mission trip to Mexico.

The International Podiatry Club at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine strives to promote education and the enhancement of knowledge in the field of podiatry of different countries. Our goal is to provide students an opportunity to advance their understanding of podiatric importance and podiatric scope in countries around the world through educational seminars, guest speakers and research. We believe that through this mission, we will give the prospective podiatrist an idea of what to expect if he/she decides to ultimately pursue this profession in another country, as well as to give a general idea of how podiatry is perceived and applied internationally. In 2009, IPC established an annual podiatric mission to Mexico by joining forces with the “Welcome Home Outreach Ministries” organization. For the past three years, the mission teams, consisting of third- and fourth-year podiatric students and Doctors of Podiatric Medicine from NYCPM and other health professionals, have traveled to Vicente, Guerrero, Mexico and surrounding areas to provide services for hundreds of patients who ordinarily could not afford podiatric care.

Above: Student doctor Tanler Volkmann (2012) helps close up a ganglion cyst removal.

Left: Locals very grateful towards the IPC medical mission team members.
treatment. Students not only assisted with surgical procedures and treated cases ranging from common plantar fasciitis to syndactyly, but volunteered at a local non-profit day care center. IPC President Oendrila Kamal, Class of 2012, declared the experience "amazing." "We definitely worked hard," she said, "but in the end, I gained more than it would have been possible to give." Fellow mission team member Tanler Volkman, Class of 2012, added, "The IPC Mexico medical mission trip provides opportunity to correspond with a variety of clinical specialists, offering medical care to populations that have limited access and means. It is an unforgettable experience that allows personal and professional growth and reminds you why you chose the health care field. Bottom line: the intensity of our training often leaves little time to think of others; this experience is rewarding, providing time to selflessly reflect on issues far greater than one's self."

Above Left: Oscar Castillo (2011) and Dr. Sherfey (Orthopedic Surgeon) view x-rays.

Above Right: Chioma Odukwe (2012), prepares for a B12 injection.

Left: NYCMP IPC team and Dr. Yarter (General Practitioner) enjoy a well deserved taco break!

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