The UVA-Guatemala Initiative
UVA-GI
Our Mission Statement:

The University of Virginia-Guatemala Initiative (UVA-GI) is dedicated to the development of mutually beneficial and sustainable relationships between UVA and the people and communities of Guatemala.

La misión de la Iniciativa en Guatemala de la Universidad de Virginia es el desarrollo de relaciones mutuamente beneficiosas y sostenibles entre la Universidad de Virginia y la gente y las comunidades de Guatemala.
UVA-Gl’s Unofficial Maxim

SEMPER GUMBY
ALWAYS FLEXIBLE
Three Stakeholders of Benefit

Guatemala

UVA Students/Faculty

US-Centered Latino Community
Ethical Considerations for Short-term Experiences by Trainees in Global Health

Let's Not Contribute to Disparities: The Best Methods for Teaching Clinicians How to Overcome Language Barriers to Health Care

The role of short-term volunteers in a global health capacity building effort: the Project HOPE-GEMC experience
UVA-GI: Possibilities from UVA...

SOA – Research

Faculty Education –

Language – Espanol!

SLC – Patient Care+

GHAH (Global Health at Home)
SOA Orientation Process

Components

I  
• Language
• Culture & Knowledge
• Project Planning

II  
• UVA-GI centric practice & structure
• Logistics, funding & preparation activities

III  
• Team building & leadership activities
UVA-GI In-country Staff

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Whats in it for Guatemala?

Shared leadership
A salary
A voice

UVA-GI: Focus Points:
- Potable Water & Education (Filter Project)
- CVD Education/Outreach
- Sustainable Technologies & Telemedicine
- Women’s Reproductive Health Research & Education
- Clinical Care Initiatives (EMR, TMUSE, Pathology)
- Student Associated Sustainable Research (SISR)