

## **Increasing Access to Radiology:**

**A case study to install 29 Digital X-ray systems in Guatemala**

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## Guatemala Project

- May 2007-Decision to place digital WHIS-RAD in Guatemala City
- February 2011-Digital WHIS-RAD with Computed Radiography (CR) dedicated at Municipal Clinic in Guatemala City
- Sept 2013-Digital WHIS-RAD with Direct Digital Radiography dedicated as first of 29 by R.I. President-elect Gary Huang from Taiwan

# Dr. Palmer (L) and Dr. Hanson (R)









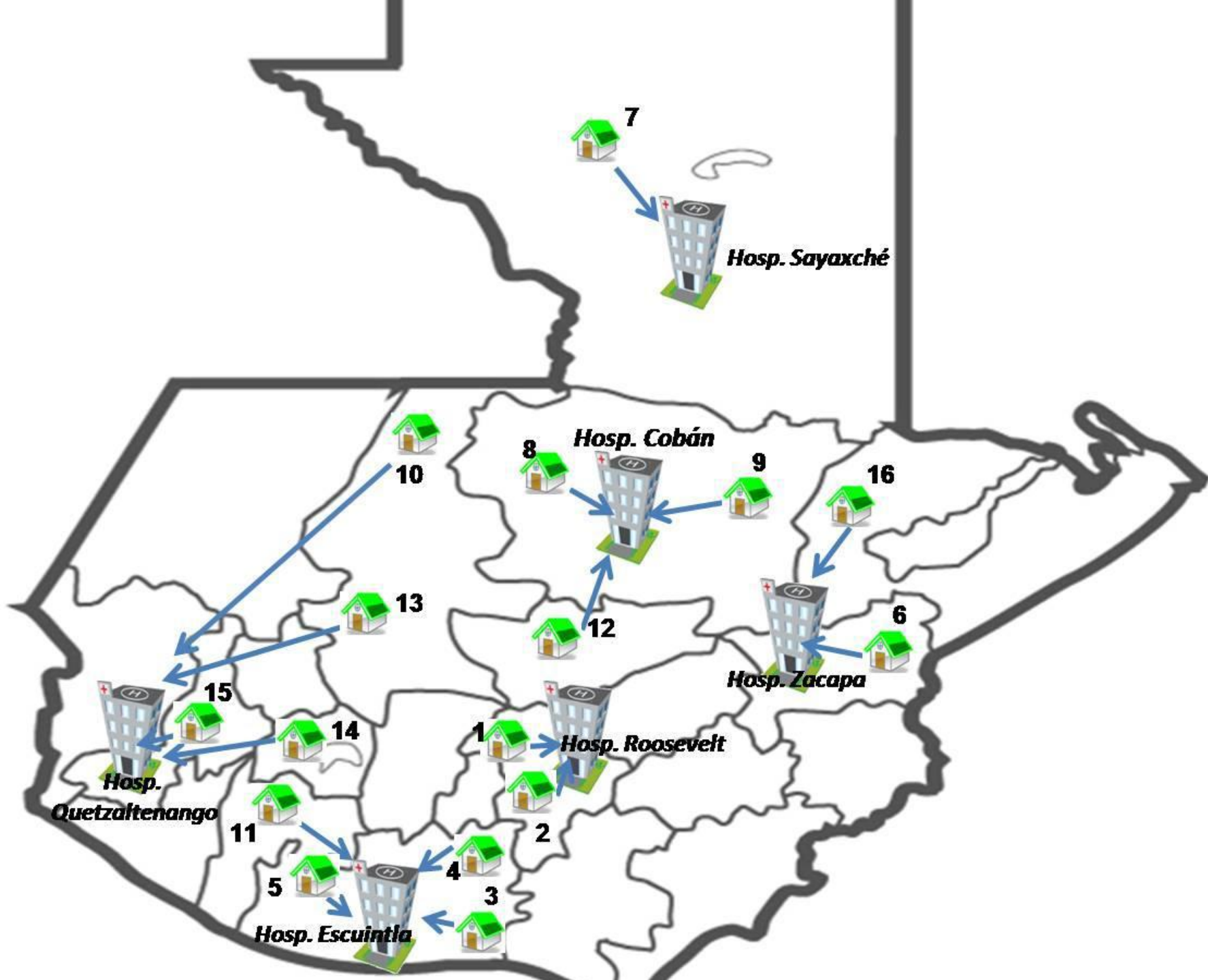
# Guatemala Multi-site Installation

- Joint activity of District 4250 (Guatemala) and District 6440. Ministry of Health and Pan American Health Organization
- 29 sites with digital X-ray
- Multi-year, multi-million dollar installation
- Template for Latin America and countries around the world
- Digital imaging project of this magnitude never been attempted before in developing countries

# Benefits of Digital X-Ray

- Improved patient care
  - Images immediately available for diagnoses and treatment
  - Teleconsultation by radiologists remotely
  - Brings medical expertise to remote locations on real time basis
- Potential to reduce the operational costs
  - Digital images can be stored, transmitted, and displayed electronically.
  - Film, Chemicals and dark room replaced
  - Work flow efficiencies





# The WHIS-RAD

- World Health Imaging System for Radiography (WHIS-Rad) is a WHO/PAHO specification for a general purpose X-ray unit for developing countries
- Safe, reliable, easy to use and maintain
- Proven high quality performance
- Supported by WHO training manuals
- Low Cost -WHIS-RAD CR \$50K  
WHIS-RAD DR \$80K



# The WHIS-RAD



# GLOBAL HEALTH CONCERN

## What' s the Problem?

60% of All Medical Diagnoses Requires  
X-ray Analysis

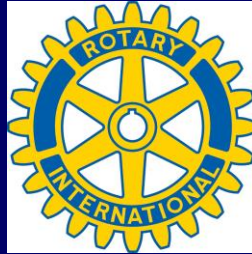
2/3<sup>rds</sup> of the world' s population do not have  
access to basic medical imaging

- Common health problems diagnosed with a basic X-ray:
  - Trauma
  - Infection, including TB, pneumonia and complications of AIDS
  - Parasites
  - Cancer in many variations
  - Intestinal obstruction and some other abdominal problems

# Current Status

- CR and DR installed in Guatemala
- Memorandum of Understanding Linking Rotary, PAHO and MOH
- Recognition of need and project at highest levels of Rotary
- Challenges include site preparation, technical, funding and sustainability

For more information go to [http://www.parkridgerotary.com/whis-rad\\_library](http://www.parkridgerotary.com/whis-rad_library).  
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