

Cuban Doctors Administered 50,000 Eye Surgeries in Uruguay



Montevideo, July 2 (RHC) -- Cuban doctors at the Jose Marti Eye Hospital in Montevideo, Uruguay, have administered 50,000 surgeries as part of the program known as Operation Miracle.

Sixto Amaro, an executive director with the Social Prevention Bank, told reporters that the achievement will be publicly acknowledged next week and that Operation Miracle has allowed saving 100 million dollars in seven years.

The health program has been implemented in Uruguay since 2005 following a bilateral accord between Havana and Montevideo, said Amaro and added that out of the 50 thousand eye surgeries, 38 were done on cataracts, which benefited retired persons.

The rest of the surgeries were administered on other eye conditions, PL news agency reported on Wednesday from the Uruguayan capital.

Sources at the hospital said that over 70,000 patients are assisted at the center every year, with an average 250 consultations a day and more than 4,000 a month.



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