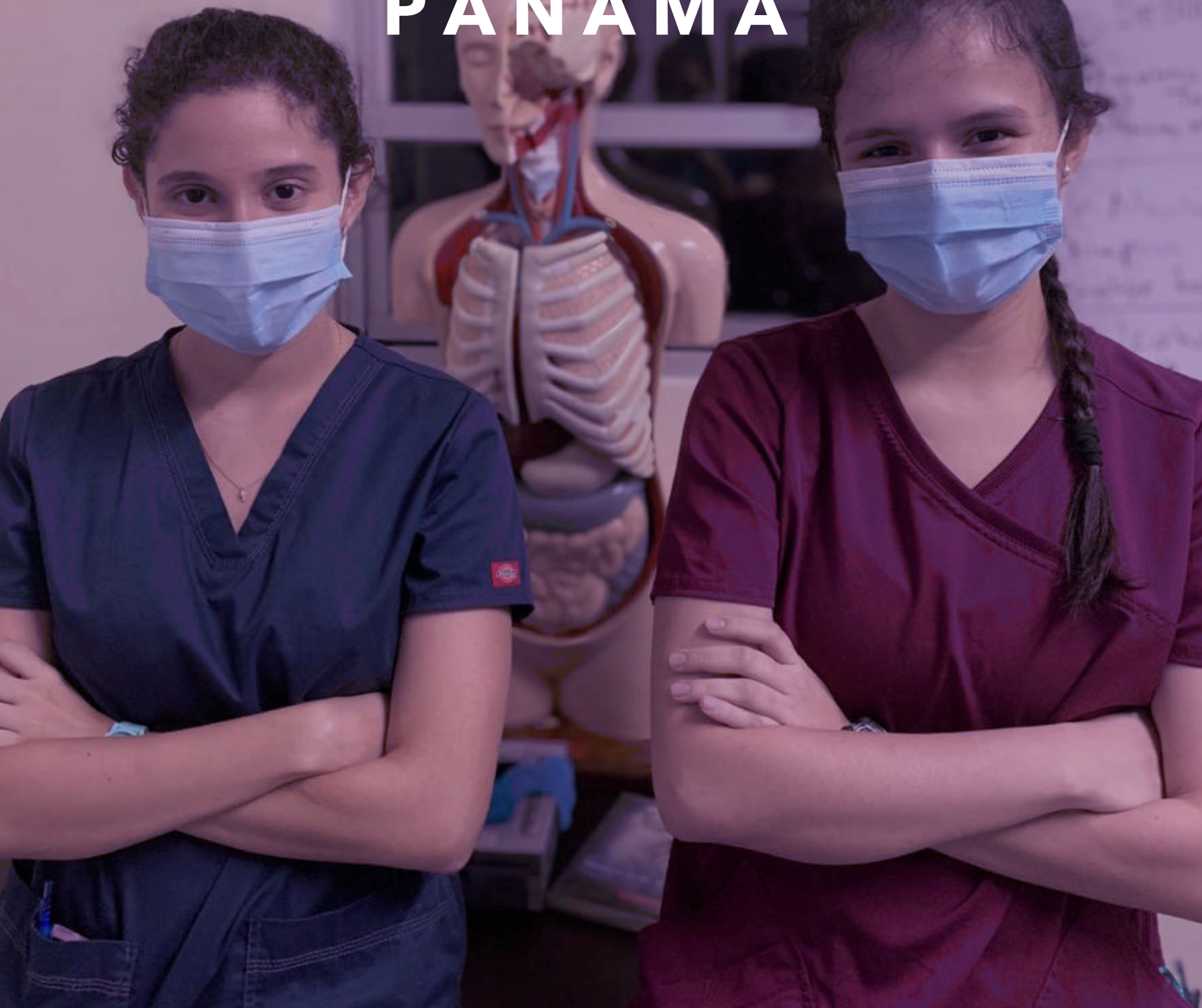


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CLINCAPTURE PROVIDES EDC FOR COVID-19 STUDY IN PANAMA



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GETTING STARTED

As a novel coronavirus spread to a pandemic and shut down countries for weeks, scientists were determined to study the virus. As of Sept. 20, the Panamanian Ministry of Health announced 106,203 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Determined to help fight the disease, two medical students found inspiration with ClinCapture.

Through Weidley's Wish, a program that offers Electronic Data Collection (EDC) to non-profit organizations conducting rare disease or orphan disease trials, the students were able to use the subscription at no cost because Weidley's Wish expanded to include COVID-19 studies.



ClinCapture allowed the students, Fatima Arango and Natalia Ortega, to conduct a study utilizing EDC for the first time. In the past, study data was captured on paper Case Report Forms (CRFs).

Capturing a study on paper CRFs created challenges for Arango and Ortega. "It is easy to lose information when it is captured on a paper form," said Ortega. "It can also be difficult to understand handwritten data."

CHALLENGES Before EDC

Arango and Ortega said the ability to use EDC in Panama is a big step for the country. "There aren't many hospitals in Panama that use electronic records," said Arango.

EDC allowed the students to make a breakthrough in Panama with their COVID-19 study. "We are the youngest investigators chosen by The National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation in Panama to receive aid for a COVID-19 study," said Arango.

"ClinCapture is very conscious of the importance of this type of study," said Arango.

THE SOLUTION

With ClinCapture's Captivate EDC, Arango and Ortega received the benefit of the private cloud, customizable options, user-friendly design tools and more. The ClinCapture team provided four training sessions to Arango and Ortega.

"The team dedicated time to show us the system and guided us through the process," said Ortega. "It was very easy to learn and use." It took approximately two weeks for Arango and Ortega to complete the study build. "We wanted our study to be bulletproof," said Ortega.

The study, which is analyzing the impact of COVID-19 in patients, is taking place at three sites, which are the largest private hospitals in Panama. Arango and Ortega said Captivate's option to download data in multiple forms is helpful. Captivate also allows users to import data from external web-based services, which eliminates the need for manual entry.

"Everything has been seamless from adding information to downloading data," said Arango. "We also like having the ability to password protect the study." The software allows users to password protect CRFs to control who is allowed into forms in the system.

WEIDLEY'S WISH

ClinCapture Chief Executive Officer Scott Weidley founded Weidley's Wish with one mission in mind, to help provide technology to organizations and therapeutic areas with budget constraints or other needs.

"We have the ability to help researchers during this critical time in the fight against COVID-19," said Weidley. "The steps we take now can have a dramatic effect on the future."



"Weidley's Wish gave us the opportunity to conduct this study," said Arango. "It allowed us to work with Electronic Data Capture."

Arango and Ortega are the youngest scientists selected by the country to conduct a COVID-19 study. "This shows that the program can be used by anyone," said Arango.



ClinCapture accelerates clinical trials. By lowering costs, streamlining data capture processes, and protecting patient privacy, ClinCapture's technologies help advance the evaluation and development of drugs, biologics, and devices that demonstrate promise for the diagnosis and/or treatment of a wide range of diseases or medical conditions.

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