Proper equipment improves care during emergencies

A crash cart is a portable cart stocked with easily accessible equipment and medication for emergency medical situations. It allows staff to respond quickly and effectively during an emergency and transport life saving supplies where they are needed. However, many health facilities in resource poor communities have to make do without this important equipment.

At Hospital Santa Bárbara Integrado, located in the municipality of Santa Bárbara, Honduras, the staff did not have access to functioning crash carts. In the event of an emergency they had to work together to carry a heavy wooden cabinet without wheels (pictured on the left) or an old cart with broken wheels to the bedside of the patient, significantly delaying their ability to provide treatments. With the recent arrival of functioning crash carts from Global Links (pictured on the right), staff can now quickly transport the necessary emergency supplies directly to the bedsides of patients in crisis.