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Cuba: Sutures to Sew the Incision for Safe Surgeries

Can you imagine needing surgery, but your surgery being canceled or delayed, as key supplies, like sutures (or stitches), are not available? This is a reality facing patients and healthcare providers daily around the world. And the situation is worse due to the worldwide upheaval in shipping and supply chains, not to mention cost increases. **Some surgeries however are not elective and simply cannot wait.**

Executive Director of Global Links Angela Garcia shared, *“I think back to one of our visits to a hospital we supported in recovering from hurricane damage. When touring the Operating Room (OR) to see the table we had provided, I didn’t notice any of the suture brands Global Links typically sends and asked if they had received them. The OR Director left without a word, and came back carrying a bag of Global Links donated sutures, explaining they are of such high quality and value that she keeps them locked in her office for difficult cases, as the suture they receive from other sources is of lower quality and sometimes breaks, with poorer outcomes for patients and much frustration for the surgeons.”*