

Javier Peró, MD short bio

Javier Peró is the Medical Director of Compañía Minera Antamina SA, one of the largest copper and zinc open pit mining companies in America. Located in the Peruvian Andes at 4,500 masl, its shareholders are mainly Canadian. Medical care for 3,500 workers and surrounding local communities considering the remoteness and altitude of the site represent unique challenges where communications play a major role. Through fiber optic, intranet, internet and videoconference capability between the mine site and the offices in the capital city Lima, at 380 km, digital pictures of patients, X-rays and ECG's can be shared to make appropriate decisions.

Born in Bolivia, he has lived most of his life in Perú where he graduated from medical school in 1982. Had postgraduate training in emergency medicine in Miami and Washington DC between 1986 and 1993. As consultant for the Peruvian Mining, Petroleum and Energy Society, developed a medical emergency response course for mining exploration groups in remote areas. In 1997 developed Antamina's medical department and in 2001 was appointed as medical director in charge of the clinics and occupational health and industrial hygiene areas.