International Electives


Description:
What we usually offer to undergraduate medical students is a four-six week rotation that includes a couple of weeks of work in several of the clinics that we operate in and around Nairobi, as well as exposure to the Pumwani Maternity Hospital, paediatrics and medicine at Kenyatta National Hospital, etc. The second part of the rotation can be tailored to fit the needs of the individual student, depending on particular interests (specific clinic work, lab work, small research project, etc). The focus is on infectious diseases, mainly HIV/AIDS/STIs and TB, although other reproductive and paediatric health issues are also seen.

Location or Hospital Site Available: several community-based clinics in Nairobi, as well as Pumwani Maternity Hospital and Kenyatta National Hospital.

On-call Required: no


Minimum or Maximum Period of Time: 4-6 weeks

Number of Students Accepted: a limit of 8-10 students at a time, selected on a first-come first-served basis.

Cost: Student responsible for all travel and per diem expenses, including air fares. Furnished accommodation (with kitchen facilities) provided at app CAD$15-17 per day. Local transportation to and from clinics provided.

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Philippines

UGME - 04 February to 26 February 2017: after CaRMS interviews (3 weeks duration)

Description:
This three to four week elective rotation aims to provide structured and supervised instruction to medical trainees in relevant areas of global health, and direct involvement in cultural and intra-professional exchange.

Health care in the Philippines is provided through government and private hospitals, smaller centers and rural health clinics. The setting of this elective will be in 2-3 different locations (urban and rural) and will provide experience in mostly in community settings.

There will be opportunity to work with local medical/allied health trainees and supervisors who will contribute to an excellent learning experience and the chance to develop and learn new medical skills.

Learning Objectives:
After completion of this international experience, the trainee should be able to:

1. Describe the natural history of diseases, especially those not commonly encountered in North America cases you are likely to encounter – perinatal conditions, lower respiratory tract infections, diarrheal disease, Dengue hemorrhagic fever, Leptospirosis, tuberculosis, malaria, cancer, heart disease, HIV, renal disease, malnutrition
2. Demonstrate knowledge of basic global health elective principles (cultural competency, personal health and safety, basic language competency, ethics and community building)
3. Identify the barriers to effective health care (attitudinal, infrastructural, training-oriented, resource oriented, or any combination thereof)
4. Give examples of use of clinical skills with limited laboratory services
5. Understand the differences in medicines and treatments in another setting/country
6. Understand the different perspective of health care and provision, health systems and policies as they relate to historical and cultural norms of the country
7. Identify examples of the value of inter-professional care
8. Demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of different and vulnerable communities,
9. In a paper or presentation - relate how social and economic factors affect care, treatment and prevention of disease, incorporating health issues and health outcomes
10. Apply the CanMEDs Framework and Competencies as it relates to the population to which you have been exposed

Process

1. Please sign up through your UGME/PGME offices. Elective participants will be limited to not more than 18 persons – with the group consisting of medical students, residents, nurses, physicians and allied health professionals. Application deadline – June 30, 2016.

2. Applicant should coordinate with Dr. R. Consunji-Araneta for briefing interview, placement and orientation, details regarding travel arrangements (estimated cost of airfare, accommodations, transportation, meals, etc), and process documentation before July 1, 2016.
3. Qualified applicants for the February 2017 trip will be notified before 30 August 2016.

4. The Alan Klass Memorial Program for Health Equity offers Local to Global Service Learning Travel Awards to qualified undergraduate medical students participating in this elective. Interested UGME students may apply through Dr. Sharon MacDonald at sharon.macdonald@med.umanitoba.ca

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HAITI:

Usually takes place in February

Description:
The elective will consist of spending some time at the WRHA Travel Health and Tropical Medicine Clinic (Population and Public Health Program) in addition to participation on a team of health care professionals traveling to Port-au-Prince Haiti.

This elective will provide an opportunity for students to work alongside travel health nurses and tropical medicine physician specialists in the WRHA Travel Health and Tropical Medicine Clinic where they will be participating in the assessment of clients seeking pre-travel health advice as well as patients attending the clinic with post-travel illnesses, including the assessment and management of refugees who have tropical parasitic diseases.

While in Haiti, students will participate in a primary care clinical experience with Canadian nursing students and multidisciplinary Haitian clinical partners who live and work in a very under-resourced setting. Students will be expected to participate in 4-5 team orientation meetings between October and February (covering various aspects of the elective such as pre-travel preparations, travel clinic assessment, fundraising for the elective, trip logistics and costs, cross-cultural orientation, Creole language competency, etc). Students will be expected to participate as a full member of the multidisciplinary team engaged in various clinical activities (such as pharmacy management, clinical consultation, public health education, etc). Post elective, students will be expected to participate in one debriefing session with the team in March/April.
Learning Objectives:

1. Demonstrate the ability to perform a history, physical examination, and develop a differential diagnosis for common symptoms that individuals present with in Haiti (Medical Expert)
2. Diagnose and treat common medical conditions that affect the Haitian population (Medical Expert)
3. Develop a syndromic diagnostic approach in the setting of limited laboratory resources (Medical Expert)
4. Develop appropriate treatment plans given limited resources (Medical Expert)
5. Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively across language and cultural barriers (Communicator)
6. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively within the context of a multidisciplinary interprofessional healthcare team (Collaborator/Professional)
7. Participate in the planning, logistical aspects, fundraising and evaluation of the team mission (Manager)
8. Describe and explain the similarities and differences between health care that is provided in Haiti and Canada (Health Advocate)
9. Develop a working knowledge of local cultural practices of “traditional” medicine and how these impact on the practice of “western” medicine (Scholar)
10. Participate in the teaching of medical and/or nursing students in Haiti (Scholar)

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JAPAN: Student Exchange, Saitama Medical School and University of Manitoba

Description:
Reciprocally, two students from Saitama Medical School in Japan are selected to do a period of study here at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Medicine. The purpose of the exchange program is to offer you an opportunity to observe the medical practice and cultural life of the country and to help you develop as a physician with an international perspective and human qualities most desirable for the 21st century. Students study specialty of their choice depending on availability. Application deadline is in June but information is sent out to 4th year students every year regarding what is required to apply.

Successful applicants will be required to:
- Be available during the month of August to assist with the incoming Japanese exchange students (evenings & weekends).
- Give a presentation of your exchange experience to students & faculty (arranged through the UGME office) and submit a written report.
- Agree to the release of their U of M transcript to Saitama Medical College if required.

Location or Hospital Site Available: Saitama Medical School

On-call Required: no

Availability: 3-4 weeks in March, usually 2 days after CaRMS match.
Number of Students Accepted: 2 Students per year

Cost: Travel expenses, accommodation, meals and cost of living expenses are covered

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CHINA: Student Exchange, Shantou Medical College and University of Manitoba

Description:
An exchange program between the University of Manitoba and the Shantou University Medical College, Guangdong, China, is open for application to your class. Reciprocally, two students from China are selected to do a period of study here at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Medicine. The exchange is comprised of a wide variety of clinical exposures to Western & Traditional Chinese Medicine. These will include ward based and outpatient care as well as visits to rural communicates with the Medical Aid for the Poor and hospice programs. Additionally, students may participate in other educational activities along with other visiting U of M exchange faculty and residents. Application deadline is in June but information is sent out to 4th year students every year regarding what is required to apply.

Successful applicants will be required to:
- Act as "social hosts" to the incoming Shantou exchange students (normally in the period April to May 2014)
- Give a presentation of your exchange experience with reference to the above learning objectives to students & faculty (arranged through the UGME office) and submit a written report.
- Agree to the release of their U of M transcript to Shantou University Medical College

On-call Required: no

Availability: 3-4 weeks in March, usually 2 days after CaRMS match.

Number of Students Accepted: 2-4 students per year

Cost: Travel expenses, accommodation, meals and cost of living expenses are covered

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