M4 International Electives/ Clinical Rotations

Anna Sjogren
Himalayan Health Exchange, Himachal Pradesh, India
10/2/11-10/28/11
Rural Primary Care and Medical Clinics

Anna Yaffee
Teule Hospital, Muheza Tanzania
4/1/12-4/28/12
Multi-discipline

Alaska Yen
University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
4/4/12-4/27/12
Infectious Diseases

Aristotle Sun
Ruijin Hospital, Shanghai, China; Peking University, Beijing, China
February - April 2012
Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Eunice Yu
First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China
2/2/12-2/25/12
Nephrology

Aarti Surti
Centro Medico Spain
2/6/12-3/2/12
Internal Medicine and Medical Spanish Immersion

Tao Zhu
Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing, China
4/2/12-4/27/12
Internal Medicine

Raina Vachhani
Kasturba Hospital, Manipal, India
8/29/11-9/23/11
Pediatrics

Cordelie Witt
Teule Hospital, Muheza Tanzania
3/19/12-4/13/12
Infectious Diseases

“I think having the added perspective of international work is incredibly eye-opening. It makes you question fundamental aspects of how medicine is practiced in the US, and helps better inform physicians about the spectrum of patient experiences that exist elsewhere.”
— David Lee, South Korea, April 2012

“The experience furthers my desire to work on developing international ties between institutions and the importance of international collaboration in learning, teaching, and practicing medicine. This experience helped redefine my changing role in the global healthcare landscape by having me reassess the sustainability of my actions, those of the group, and the type of medicine that we were practicing on a daily basis.”
— Ian May, Nicaragua, March 2012
“The experience has been very eye-opening in many ways. The diseases I saw that are essentially non-existent or very rare in the US were fascinating to see in person and learn more about….it was very interesting to compare the US and Brazilian health systems and see how a major teaching institution here approaches some similar problems we have in the US (patient compliance, social issues, infection control).”
– Alberta Yen, Brazil, April 2012

“In a country with so many fundamental differences compared to the US, it was interesting to see that there are the same fundamental debates about healthcare; how to pay for it, should wealthy people be able to buy better healthcare than poor people, how do you ration care effectively, how do you improve preventive health and health education, etc. Seeing these debates in a different context provides a global perspective to many of the current debates we are having here about the future of our healthcare system.”
– Nicholas Dewyer, South Africa, February 2012

“It’s useful to see how medicine is practiced differently elsewhere, to question our own methods, and to make sure that we are using the evidence to justify our own way of doing things.”
– Marwa Kaisey, Spain, September 2011

“This experience encouraged me to think about some of the resources and healthcare infrastructure that I take for granted. I also reflected on the type of patient-practitioner relations I want to have. Some of the best clinical aspects of my experience involved seeing high-risk or very progressed conditions, such as uterine rupture, cerebral malaria in pregnancy and twin breech-breech vaginal deliveries.”
– Andrea Kussman, Ghana, September 2011

“I grew up in a medical community in Ghana, a child of a former Ghanaian nurse. This rotation substantiated and strengthened my desire to pursue further international medicine experiences and to practice in a medically-underserved region. I saw how many of the female patients – due to pervasive societal poverty – lacked fundamental knowledge of their own health. I admired how the physicians managed very complex cases with minimal resources at their disposal.”
– Ekua Abban, Ghana, September 2011
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Peter Bosch
Universidade Catolica de Mozambique, Mozambique
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013
Ambulatory and Internal Medicine

Stephanie Chen
National Cheng Kung University Hospital, Taiwan
Apr 8 - May 5, 2013
General Medicine and Cardiology

Cristina Churchill
Amazon Promise, Peru
Feb 9 - Mar 2, 2013
Medical Outreach

Owen Darr
University of Auckland, Middlemore Hospital, New Zealand
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013
Anesthesia and Peri-and Post-operative Patient Care

Ashley Dehudy
University of Auckland, Middlemore Hospital, New Zealand
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013
Anesthesia and Healthcare Systems

Jocelyn Farmer
Peking University Health Science Center, China
Mar 11 - Apr 7, 2013
Traditional Chinese Medicine

Sheena Hembrador
Amazon Promise, Peru
Feb 9 - Mar 2, 2013
Medical Outreach

Kit I Ho
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty Office of Medicine, Hong Kong
Feb 11 - Mar 8, 2013
Pediatric Medicine

Alex Kim
Seoul National University Medical School, South Korea
Mar 11 - Apr 7, 2013
Liver Transplant/ Hepatobiliary Surgery

Andrew Lin
University of Tokyo, Japan
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013
Allergy and Rheumatology

Sheena Hembrador
Amazon Promise, Peru
Feb 9 - Mar 2, 2013
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Allergy and Rheumatology

Lisa Matien
Royal Children’s Hospital at University of Melbourne, Australia
Apr 8 - May 5, 2013
Pediatric Neurology

Gavin McKinnon
Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan
April 2013
Family Medicine

Mitali Mehta
University of Adelaide, Australia
Feb 11 - Mar 1, 2013
Medical Learning and Teaching

Omar Metwally
Charite Universitätsmedizin Institut für Pathologie, Germany
Oct 1 -31, 2012
Pathology

Daniel Pak
University of Tokyo, School of Medicine, Japan
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013
Clinical Anesthesiology
Hannah Perrin  
Clinica de Familia La Romana, Dominican Republic  
Apr 8 - May 3, 2013  
HIV/AIDS Clinical Support

Yorgos Strangas  
University of Malawi College of Medicine, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Malawi  
Jan 28 - Feb 24, 2013  
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Anne Porter  
Millenium Medical College, St. Paul’s Hospital, Ethiopia  
Sept 24 - Oct 19, 2012  
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Angeline Wang  
Peking University Health Science Center, China  
Mar 11 - Apr 5, 2013  
Ophthalmology

Govind Rangrass  
Groote Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa  
Jan 8 - Mar 8, 2013  
Trauma Surgery

Nan Xiang  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of Medicine, China  
Apr 8 - May 5, 2013  
Traditional Chinese Medicine

Sepehr Rejal  
Shahid Beheshti Medical University/Loghman Hakim Hospital, Iran  
Aug 6 - 31, 2012  
Clinical Anesthesiology

Grettel Zamora-Beridi  
Occupational Medicine Clinic, Brazil  
Feb 13 - Mar 5, 2013  
Occupational Health

Eva Seligman  
Amazon Promise, Peru  
Feb 9 - Mar 2, 2013  
Medical Outreach

Xue Zhao  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Ruijin Hospital, China  
Oct 8 - 26, 2012  
Otolaryngology

In addition to those supported by Global REACH, several other M4 students did international electives during the 2012-13 academic year.

They include:

Hanan Bazzi  
Lebanon, Spring 2013  
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Elizabeth Hong  
India, Fall 2012  
Family Medicine

Farhan Hug  
Bangladesh, Winter 2013  
Surgery

Michelle Ma  
Australia, Feb 2013  
Wilderness Medicine

Jacqueline Madison  
India, Winter 2013  
Family Medicine

Mathew Modes  
United Kingdom  
Internal Medicine

Roshan Najafi  
Kenya, Summer 2012  
Internal Medicine

Alize Zheng  
Africa, Fall 2012  
Surgery
“My rotation in Croatia was my first experience working in the health care system of another developed country besides the US. It was extremely helpful for me to see a totally different organizational structure for delivering care to an entire population, as Croatia has universal health care. The systems are dramatically different but both produce excellent end products.”
—M4 Devon Rupley, Croatia, April 2014

“I appreciated seeing the diagnosis and management of diseases not often found in the United States such as malaria, TB, and HIV as well as more common diseases such as mitral stenosis and rheumatoid arthritis in their end-stage presentations.”
—M4 Phoebe Cheng, Ghana, September 2013

“One of the most valuable parts of the experience was learning more about the health system in Panama, and how much this hospital differed from the ones I’ve seen in the US. It made me extremely grateful for things like electronic medical records and private patient rooms, while at the same time realizing that some of the conveniences we rely on aren’t absolutely necessary.”
—M4 Lauren Dennisuk, Panama, April 2014

“The best aspects of my experience were truly experiencing how other people in the world live and what their access to basic needs is like. Building relationships with people who live such different lives than us gave me new and diverse perspective that was invaluable.”
—M4 Jeanne Poel, Peru, February, 2014

“On a regular basis I saw disease processes that I had learned about during M1 or M2 year but had never seen. There were students from Germany, The Netherlands, Colombia, Mexico, Egypt, etc. We had many long conversations about training, attitudes about healthcare, and work life balance in different countries. It was a very expansive experience to learn from these students.”
—M4 Adam Baruch, Brazil, May 2014
“Many of the patients I took care of had received little to no prior healthcare, and at admission most patients had advanced disease. Through my interactions with these patients, I began to really value the impact of the care physicians can provide, especially in the outpatient setting. If some of these patients had received proper outpatient care, they would never have been hospitalized with these advanced diseases.”
—M4 Sameer Khatri, Pakistan, March, 2014

“Seoul National University is a world leader in living donor liver transplantation... they do on average 3 to 4 per week. The surgical technique and post operative care involved in both the donor and the recipient were incredible to watch.”
—M4 Yongwoo Seo, South Korea, April 2014

“Medicine in a developing country, especially in a government hospital, is drastically different from that in the US. Understanding the value of resource allocation was one of the most important lessons I learned.”
—M4 Arun Harihan, India, April 2014

“I have always been quite skeptical about traditional Chinese Medicine, but this rotation convinced me otherwise. Most of the treatments used are to supplement western medicine, and the clinical improvement in patients demonstrates that many of the treatments and herbs do work in terms of improving the overall health of the patients.”
—M4 Yao Wang, China, February 2014

“Each day was yet another battle to deliver live babies, find cross-matched blood, repair ruptured ectopic pregnancies, and ensure that women with septic abortions remained stable. This stands in sharp contrast with my experience in Ann Arbor, where the majority of patients are wealthy, healthy, and educated. This global disparity between countries is fantastically easy to notice. Yet what continues to fascinate me the most—and what compels me to work in global health—are the disparities within countries, and how they relate to these disparities in other countries.”
—M4 Charlotte Gamble, Ethiopia, February 2014