

UCLA-OLIVE VIEW INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

GLOBAL HEALTH ELECTIVE REQUESTS

Introduction

We commend and support your choice in pursuing an opportunity to practice medicine abroad. There are great learning opportunities offered through a wide variety of programs as well as our UCLA-Olive **View**-sponsored rotation in Dangrika, Belize. Please see below for a list of programs that other residents have benefited from. You must be in good academic standing in order to be eligible for an international elective.

For any resident looking to participate in a Global Health experience, please submit the following to the program coordinator, Gus Chavez. All application material must be **submitted at least three months prior** to the start of the requested rotation. These apply to any program other than the Belize rotation.

Requirements

Requests for Global Health electives must include:

1. Name and contact information for the organizer of the rotation.
2. A Program Letter of Agreement may be required between Olive View and the international partner institution, which includes the following: "The international partner program or institution accepts responsibility for resident training, supervision, evaluation, and meeting ACGME regulations on resident duty hours."
3. Supervising physicians at the partner institution must have required education, skills and experience to provide appropriate supervision, with familiarity of approved goals and objectives of the rotation.
4. At the completion of the rotation, the **resident must provide the program director with at least one evaluation**. This must address the extent that the resident successfully met the competency based goals and objectives of the rotation (please see below for evaluation form).
5. Please submit a copy of the goals and objectives for the rotation with your request.
6. If you are participating in the Dangrika, Belize rotation, **please submit a copy of your passport and medical license to Gus Chavez no later than 4 months prior to your rotation start date**. These copies must be notarized or have a notarized letter attached to them. Please ask Gus Chavez for the template.

Global Health Elective Programs

Belize Elective Rotation

Please submit your requests at the end of the prior academic year as we are building the rotation schedules. You must be in good academic standing in order to be eligible for an international elective. If you do not get a spot initially to go to Belize, there will be opportunities in the beginning of the year for additional requests if there are openings. You must have a valid medical license at least 2 months prior to the rotation start date in order for processing in Belize to be completed.

Other Global Health Medicine Electives

- Yale/Stanford Global Health Scholars
- Himalayan Health Exchange
- IHCAI Costa Rica Elective
- Japan Elective at Shizuoka General Hospital

Instructions Prior to Leaving on a Global Health Elective

1. Please submit the Global Health Elective request form on [our website \(Program > Forms\)](#). **Your elective must be approved by the Program Director prior to making travel arrangements!**
2. Sign the **Code of Conduct and Risk Reduction Agreement** and return to Gus no later than one month prior to departure.
3. After your elective has been approved, visit the [CDC website](#) for important travelers' information on vaccines and precautions while traveling. Check this at least 6 weeks prior to your trip!
4. Vaccines for travel will not be covered by the program, but are typically covered under your medical insurance.
5. If you are going to the sponsored Belize rotation, work with Gus Chavez 8 weeks before your rotation to book your flights.
6. Register for the UC Travel Security and Health Coverage benefits. You must register prior to your departure date, print a copy of your travel insurance, and carry it with you at all times. This is free. For information and registration, visit www.irm.ucla.edu/travel-insurance/travel-security-health-coverage-benefits.
7. Register with the U.S. State Department STEP Program by visiting <https://step.state.gov/>.