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Best wishes for your elective and for your future,

Simon Britten
Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon
St James’s University Hospital
Leeds, UK

Medical Students’ Quotes...

“The doctors really like to test you on things and encourage you to try to do their job! I ended up doing preliminary clinical examinations, ordering blood work and x-rays, discussing the findings in x-rays and taking pins out of people’s limbs.”

Sarah Simms, Bolivia

“In my placement I got really involved – much more than I thought was possible. I was working primarily in an Accident and Emergency Department where I was involved in everything from bandaging to injections, but I also assisted with surgery, including an appendectomy and other abdominal surgery, and an amputation. My placements back home just never compared.”

Fred Campbell-Jones, Mexico

“My placement was so fulfilling, I only wished I could have stayed on for longer. I thoroughly enjoyed being in theatre on Wednesdays when they carried out planned operations such as Hysterectomies, Hernia-repairs and sometimes Caesarean Sections. Some of the cases on the medical ward were quite shocking and saddening. I witnessed a couple of severe cases of HIV/AIDS, malaria and malnutrition and soon came to appreciate more of the healthcare offered to us in the UK. I also worked in paediatrics, physiotherapy, outpatients, pharmacy, maternity and in the laboratories.”

Sarah Lownsbrough, Ghana

The medical programme was exciting - I saw a lot of medical complaints that I would never see in the UK. The days were packed with surgery, gynaecology and paediatrics. I had a great time.

Cassandra Brown, India

Programme Price

The cost of each programme is:

- Argentina £1,795
- Bolivia £1,595
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Teaching Hospital Karapitiya in Galle is a large public hospital with 1465 beds. Galle itself is a large town which was once a Dutch colony with its large fort built in 1663. The town has a magnificent beach, now almost restored to its former glory after the trauma of the tsunami. Your supervisor here would be Mr Thushith Ratnaweera, who is also in charge of local medical students in their 3rd year clinical rotations. Specialties are available in these areas:

- Anaesthesia
- Chemical Pathology
- Dermatology
- E.N.T.
- Haematology
- Microbiology
- Neurology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Radiology and Surgery

Our placements are available in different countries around the world and have been vetted by British orthopaedic and trauma consultant Simon Britten of St. James’s University Hospital in Leeds. Visit his homepage at www.simonbritten.info. This is the basic checklist that has to be “ticked” by Simon or anyone planning an elective placement for his approval:

- Good variety of medical specialties
- Clear daily timetables
- Clearly modularised programme
- Good well-qualified supervisor
- Interpreters available if needed
- Links with local primary care
- Opportunity to see traditional medicine (if applicable)
- Great local food and accommodation
- Enjoyable social environment
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A high-quality, worthwhile and well-planned elective placement.

Accommodation
Local host-families are carefully selected to be friendly, caring and welcoming and also be safe and secure. In some cases it is possible to arrange for you to stay with other volunteers.

Food
Teaching & Projects Abroad is responsible for providing all your meals.

Insurance
Comprehensive travel, liability and medical insurance is included automatically.

Staff and Support
Full support from our 150 highly trained and experienced overseas staff.

Security
We avoid places where there is likely to be significant political or social unrest. We keep in close touch with the Foreign Office and with embassies.

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Here are a few examples from different countries:

Mongolia
The State Second General Hospital is the largest in the country, with 530 beds, and it dominates the Bayanzurkh district, a short walk from the centre of Ulaanbaatar. During the Communist era, it was a hospital for upper-level officials only, and this reputation has carried over to the modern day, so you are likely to see some Mongolian celebrities and government ministers, mixed in with street-children and peasants who may have walked for two days to get there. Your supervisor would be Dr Yumjaagin Byambaa, who gives elective students access to the wide range of departments available:
Chemical Pathology, Dermatology, E.N.T, Gynaecology, Neurology, Obstetrics, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Pathology, Plastic Surgery and Traditional Medicine.

Mexico
The Hospital General de Zapopan is a public hospital, with 420 beds, situated a short bus-ride from the heart of Mexico’s second biggest city, Guadalajara. Zapopan is a beautiful small town in its own right with a bustling public plaza and a famous cathedral. Your supervisor here would be Dr Marco Rendón, who arranges work in Anaesthesia, Dermatology, Gynaecology, Haematology, Maternity, Obstetrics, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Pathology, Plastic Surgery and Psychiatry.

India
Teaching & Projects Abroad has 23 elective placements in India. The Leprosy Mission in Manamudurai is popular and interesting module, an hour from the famous temple-city of Madurai. The mission is quite small, and the medical staff are friendly and helpful – and glad of any help elective students can provide.
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